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US and Iran in secret deal over hostages

From Robert Fisk, Nicosia

The first details emerged yesterday of a remarkable secret package deal between America and Iran to secure the release of US hostages and restore relations between the two countries — including a series of secret negotiations between the Americans and Iranian officials in Tehran and discussions between the US and Kuwait about the possible reduction of sentences for 17 men imprisoned for bombing the French and American embassies in the country.

The Americans are reported by Arab diplomats to have sent plane-loads of weapons and military spare parts to Iran in return for a promise that Iran would suspend any involvement in international bombings and assassinations, an agreement concluded after a secret visit to iran by a US delegation said to include Mr Robert McFarlane, President Reagan's former National Security Adviser.

And last night, in a sensational speech on the seventh anniversary of the seizure of the American Embassy in Tehran, the Speaker of the Iranian Parliament claimed that Mr McFarlane had travelled to Iran as an airline employee on a false Irish passport to negotiate with the Iranian régime, carrying with him a Bible signed by President Reagan, a box of cakes for Iranian officials and a list of conditions to improve relations between the two countries.

Hojatolislam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, one of the most powerful figures in Iran, said that Mr McFarlane and four other Americans who travelled with him, had arrived on board a plane loaded with American weapons and had been imprisoned for five days and then deported.

But Mr Rafsanjani's statement also appears to be an attempt to embarrass Syria, and *The Times* has learnt that an American delegation which travelled to Iran last July — and at least once since then — was trying to negotiate the release of three US hostages held in Lebanon.

The Times has been told that:

● A series of secret negotiations has been underway between the US and Iran for some months over the Lebanon hostages in which a senior Syrian diplomat has acted as intermediary between Washington and Tehran.

● Aircraft carrying military spare parts and ammunition for the Iranian Army in its war with Iraq have flown to Iran with US permission, reportedly in return for Iranian concessions over the hostages and an end to Iranian involvement in international bombings and assassinations.

● One of the earliest shipments of American arms to Iran — which travelled with full American cognizance — came from Israel as part payment for exit visas to be granted to Iranian Jews wishing to travel to Israel. The plane flew via Spain to an air base near the city of Tabriz in September, 1985.

● The Americans have been talking to Kuwaiti officials about a possible commuting of the sentences on 17 men convicted for their part in the bombing of the US and French embassies there in 1983 and whose release is the main demand of the Islamic

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Nott's landings

Sir John Nott argues that we should remember the Suez failure, not the Falklands success, when planning the future defence of Britain.

Portfolio

● The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £4,000 was won yesterday by Mr J.D. Rothwell of south-west London. Details, page 3.
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2,658 houses for sale

There are ten pages of property advertisements today with 2,658 houses up for sale — Pages 27-36

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Maxwell stake

Mr Robert Maxwell has increased his stake in McCorquodale, the printer and publisher, to 17.2 per cent after buying at prices above those on the stock market — Page 21

£44.3m sales

Albert Fisher Group is paying £44.3 million for companies in Britain and the US. This will boost its size by 37.5 per cent — Page 21

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Tight finish

White Crusader, the British challenger in the America's Cup yacht races, beat Canada II by less than a third of a second. — Page 44

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Le Grange goes in Pretoria reshuffle

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Mr Louis Le Grange, South Africa's powerful Minister of Law and Order, was removed yesterday in a Cabinet reshuffle announced by President Botha. Mr Louis Nel, the Deputy Minister of Information, who is in charge of government propaganda, was also dismissed.

Mr Le Grange, who is responsible for the police, is to move to the less onerous post of Speaker of the House of Assembly, the white chamber of Parliament. For most of the past year he has been undergoing chemotherapy treatment for cancer.

Although he is now said to be free of the disease, he had expressed a wish to move to a less high profile job. He is to be replaced by the Deputy Minister of Defence and Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok. There is unlikely to be any change in the Government's tough policy on security.

Mr Le Grange, aged 58, was fiercely loyal to the police force, and widely accused of failing to control abuse of police power. Recently, however, he caused surprise by blaming unrest on the squalid living conditions in black townships instead of espousing the usual government line about communist agitators.

Mr Nel has been under heavy fire lately for the expenditure of Rands 4.3 million (£1.4 million) of taxpayers' money on commissioning and broadcasting a pop song, "Together we'll build a brighter future", designed to promote racial harmony.

His replacement is an interesting choice, Mr Stoffel Van Der Merwe, a member of a group of about 30 backbench MPs of the ruling National Party known as the "New Nats" who are said to favour a much faster pace of political reform.

For the rest, the reshuffle is largely a case of musical chairs, occasioned in part by the retirement of some older ministers.

Key ministers, such as General Magnus Malan, the Defence Minister; Mr Pik Botha, the Foreign Minister; Mr Chris Heunis, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning; and Mr F W De Klerk, the Minister of National Education, stay where they are.

Speculation that the South African Ambassador in London, Mr Dennis Worrall, might be brought back home, possibly to be given Mr Nel's information portfolio, proved unfounded.

The Malawi Embassy in Maputo, the Mozambique capital, was sacked by angry youths yesterday, and stones and rotten tomatoes were thrown at the offices of the South African Trade Mission there — Page 7

Reserves down £474m

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Britain's gold and foreign currency reserves slumped by $668 million (£474 million) last month — the biggest fall in four years — as the Bank of England propped up the pound.

The fall in the reserves occurred as the pound dropped against the mark and other currencies.

This fall does not reflect the full extent of official support. The Bank of England asked the West German Bundesbank to help and will repay the cost of that support in the next few months.

The pound gained 35 points to $1.4145 yesterday, but dipped to DM2.9100.

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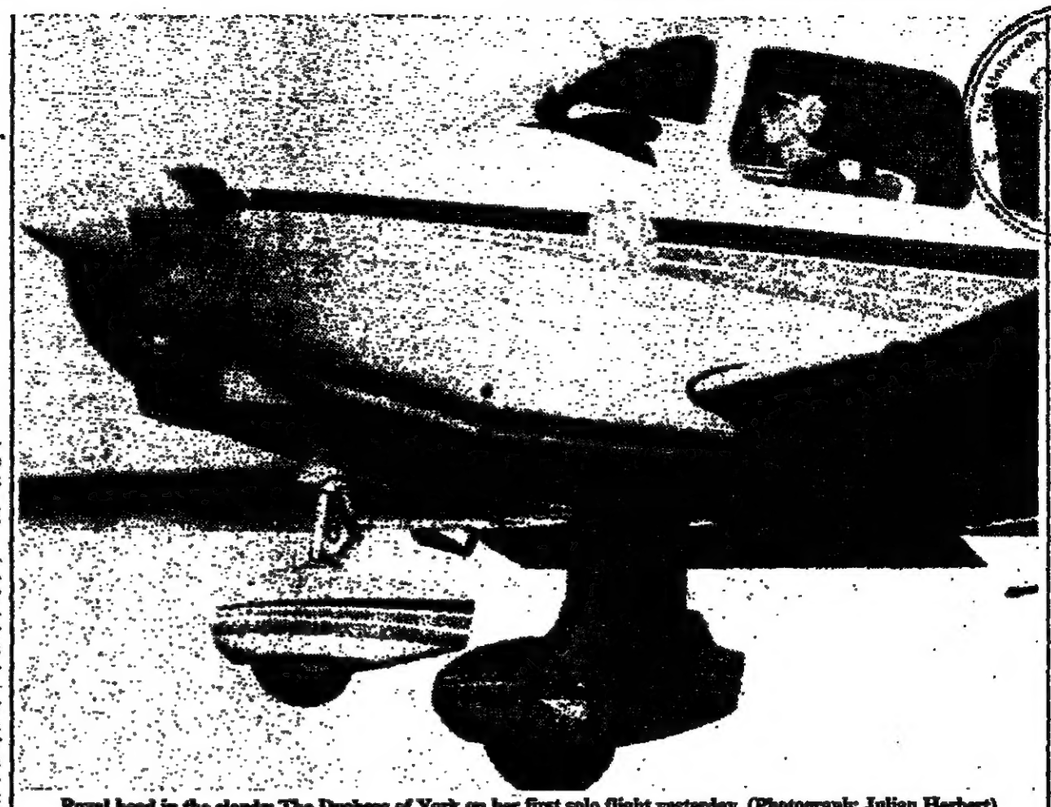


Royal head in the clouds: The Duchess of York on her first solo flight yesterday. (Photograph: Julian Herbert)

Baker in direct appeal to heads

By Howard Foster

The dispute between the second largest teachers' union and the Government escalated yesterday when Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, took the unusual step of writing personally to every head teacher in Britain to explain his pay offer.

Mr Baker himself received a letter yesterday, from Mr Fred Smithies, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of women Teachers, who restated the reasons for his union's demand for a 50 per cent pay rise, as opposed to the 16.4 per cent proposed by Mr Baker.

Mr Smithies said that the NAS/UWT would be willing to ballot its members on any settlement agreed at this weekend's meeting in Nottingham between unions and employers.

His letter was coupled with a warning that widespread disruption could follow if Mr Baker follows his stated aim of imposing the settlement on the teachers by law if no agreement is reached.

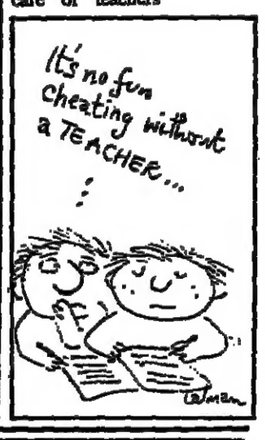
He said: "We shall obviously comply with the law. We are not a group of anarchists but government should make carefully considered decisions. If Mr Baker's solution is pursued, the prospects of a peaceful and constructive atmosphere are low."

Yesterday the union claimed that more than 40,000 of its 127,000 membership had taken part in half-day strikes which affected 630,000 pupils.

Yesterday brought more injunctions from counties including Devon, Cornwall and West Sussex, stopping teachers from striking without a ballot. The union did not oppose the injunctions, on the ground of cost.

The union's disruptive action yesterday was described as "utterly disgraceful" by the Prime Minister.

She said in Parliament that it showed no regard whatsoever for the children in the care of teachers



BBC reply today on bias claim

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The BBC will today issue a sharply-worded reply to complaints by Mr Norman Tebbit, chairman of the Conservative Party, about its coverage of the United States bombing raid on Libya last April.

Yesterday relations between the corporation and the BBC hierarchy continued to deteriorate over the affair and Mr James Callaghan, the former Labour Prime Minister, joined Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, in attacking the Prime Minister and her party chairman.

Tory chiefs are angry that the BBC, in their view, is attempting to "move the goalposts" in its response to Mr Tebbit's dossier of criticism. They see the crucial questions as those of professional competence and managerial reaction to programme makers who fall below the required standards. That is why they were particularly annoyed that Mr Alasdair Milne, the BBC Director-General, responded almost instantly to their complaints saying that he saw no need for any internal investigation.

Senior Conservatives believe that the BBC has, in its broadcasts since, attempted to imply that Mr Tebbit's complaints were of political bias against the Conservative Party, highlighting an opinion

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Russians agree to terrorism talks with UK

From Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent, Vienna

The Soviet Union yesterday accepted a British initiative for talks on joint efforts to combat terrorism. British and Soviet experts are expected to have their first meeting before the end of the year, probably in London.

Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, welcomed the British suggestion yesterday when he met Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, in Vienna.

The joint effort is seen by Britain as offering a valuable opportunity to distance the Soviet Union from countries suspected of involvement in state-financed terrorism, such as Syria.

But Sir Geoffrey warned that full confidence between East and West will not be achieved until the Soviet Union improves its human rights record. His speech on the opening day of the European Conference on Security and Co-operation linked peace to individual freedom.

"We salute those, like Andrei Sakharov, who keep alight the flame of the human spirit", he said.

"We remember too those whose names are not well known but whose lot is one of daily harassment, labour camp, exile or prison. While these things are so it will remain impossible to establish full confidence between our states."

The conference is the third follow-up to the Helsinki process begun in 1975, in which every European state except Albania made commitments on minimum human rights standards and other issues.

The speech stopped short of naming the Soviet Union as the principal violator of the human rights provisions in the Helsinki Final Act.

As Britain currently holds the presidency of the EEC, the speech, which amounted to an EEC effort to encourage signs of greater Soviet readiness for change, required approval from all 11 other nations, some of whom were much less willing to name names.

Soviet officials have continued to show signs of sensitivity while attempting to take the offensive on some human rights aspects. Mr Vladimir Lomeiko, a senior Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, said all provisions of the Helsinki Final Act had been made part of the Soviet constitution.

Another Soviet spokesman said processing of applications to leave the country had been speeded up.

Mr Shevardnadze was not in the conference chamber during Sir Geoffrey's speech. Western diplomats said this should not be interpreted as a boycott, because the Soviet Foreign Minister had spent the day meeting Warsaw Pact colleagues in preparation for his bilateral meeting today with Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State.

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The flying Duchess goes solo

By David Cross

The Duchess of York yesterday took to the air for the first time on her own, just four weeks after starting to learn to fly.

Watched by her instructor, Mr Colin Beckwith, and a battery of press and cameramen, the 27-year-old Duchess, wearing a bright green jumper, camouflage-style trousers and with her hair in a pony-tail, flew solo in a 15-minute circuit over the Oxford countryside, at the controls of a Piper Warrior four-seater aircraft. The weather was perfect with ideal visibility and not a cloud in the sky.

The Duchess, who had flown to RAF Benson, the headquarters of the Queen's Flight, in a helicopter, warmed up with three circuits of the airfield, accompanied by Mr Beckwith, who is principal instructor at Oxford Air Training School.

Then she sat alone in the cockpit revving up the single-engine plane and waiting for air traffic controllers to tell her that she was clear for take-off. Within seconds she was airborne and up to about 2,000 feet. She completed just one circuit before landing perfectly.

Mr Beckwith shook her warmly by the hand and said: "Well done, I told you you could do it."

Later she telephoned the news of her first solo flight to the Duke of York, who is a Navy helicopter pilot, currently on a naval officer's course at the Royal Navy Air Station at Yeovilton in Somerset.

Yard faces inquiry after TV claims

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A provincial police team was called into Scotland Yard yesterday to investigate serious allegations involving a London gangster and his relationship with Yard detectives.

The inquiry, headed by the chief constable of South Yorkshire, follows claims in a *World in Action* television programme that investigations into the criminal, who was also a top informant, were frustrated.

Mr Gerald Wiltshire, a former Yard detective superintendent, said another officer talked of a plan to kill him and junior officers were threatened with losing their careers.

As the investigation was announced two Labour MPs yesterday followed up the programme by naming and accusing a senior Yard detective of corruption using Parliamentary privilege to quote from an internal Yard inquiry.

The motion was tabled by Mr Clive Soley, MP for Hammersmith and a spokesman on Home Affairs, and Mr Christopher Smith, MP for Islington South, following the programme on Monday which examined the relationship between Roy Garner and Scotland Yard.

The programme looked at the failure of an investigation called Operation Albany aimed at convicting Garner, led by officers who were not told the criminal was an informant. While they were investigating him he received up to £250,000 in rewards.

The Yard said yesterday that Mr Peter Wright, the South Yorkshire chief officer, had been asked to examine claims made in the programme.

Networks in deal on US poll

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Polling in the US mid-term elections got off to a slow start yesterday, as poor weather and voter apathy threatened to produce one of the lowest turnouts in years. But the Senate race looked so close that for the first time in years most Americans went to bed without knowing which party had won overall control.

This neck-and-neck situation was also exaggerated by the lack of early computer projections. For the first time in years, the television networks agreed not to broadcast "exit polls", the sampling of voter reaction as people come out of the polling booths. There has been a considerable criticism of exit polls as they tend to distort the results.

With a three-hour time difference between the East and West coasts, the polls in California are still open long after they close in the East. If a party hears it is doing poorly in the East, it can mobilize special resources to bring out the last-minute vote in California and thus redress the balance.

President Reagan awaited the result anxiously, as he concluded his hectic two-week campaign covering 13 states and 25,000 miles to boost the Republicans' chances. He has warned that a Democratic-controlled Senate would weaken his negotiating hand in arms control talks and put a brake on the economic recovery.

Mr Reagan, who is 75, appeared to relish his last major political campaign, throwing himself energetically into the fray, but the strain was beginning to tell by the end.

End of Russian line nowhere in sight

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

As the Soviet Union prepares for Friday's 69th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution, there is mounting frustration that Mr Gorbachov's economic reforms have failed to make any impression on one of the greatest bugbears of Soviet life — queuing.

By rationing the amount of vodka available, queues outside the dismal-looking state liquor stores have recently grown longer, with pensioners offering (for a price) to keep the places of those at work for up to four or five hours.

"Things have got so bad that people are now prepared to join a queue and stand there for hours without knowing for certain what is on sale at the other end," a Moscow housewife said. "Unfortunately it has become a way of life."

Statistics show that the nation wastes billions of manhours every year standing in queues. The figures also revealed that a remarkable 18 per cent of all stress-induced strokes originated in queues.

He latest edition of *Literaturnaya Gazeta*, the official paper of the Writers' Union and one of Moscow's most respected publications, which eight years ago carried a sensational article on the evils of queuing, carries a bitter series of signed letters bemoaning the problem.

"Years have passed," wrote one Muscovite in reference to the 1978 article, "and what has happened? The queues have got longer and meaner, and nowadays 10 people is not considered a queue . . . people used to queue for something good, now they queue for anything." Mr A Atlasov, a war veteran, complained that in recent years queues had been "legalised" by dint of the notices which are now hung in "shops, cinemas, bannyas (bathhouses), dry cleaners — everywhere — stating who has the right to be served at the head of the queue."

Many readers complained that sales assistants created queues by waiting until five or 10 people had gathered before "deigning" to serve them or by "correcting the 'mistakes' of the architect and opening only one door of the shop".

Among the suggestions put forward for improving matters were the introduction of a two-shift day, the start of a system of self-service "as they have everywhere else in the world" and the creation of western-type supermarkets selling all types of goods so that customers would not have to trek from shop to shop to buy bread, milk, vegetables and so on.

In the run-up to Friday's Red Square parade, special yarmaki (fairs) have been established in many parts of Moscow to try and improve the country's notoriously inefficient distribution system.

Mr R G Teroshenko described how he had gone to a fair at 8.30am, only to already find a military band playing and "enormous queues" at every counter. This sort of logic was "incomprehensible", he said.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Man's artificial heart replaced

Surgeons at the Papworth Hospital, near Cambridge, replaced the artificial heart in a male patient with a donor's heart in a four-and-a-half hour operation yesterday.

The man, aged 40, who has yet to be named, was given a Jarvik 7 plastic and metal device by surgeons on Sunday when he was about to die of heart failure.

A spokesman for the UK Transplant Centre, Bristol, said that the Papworth patient was one of 400 people urgently in need of a new heart.

Bishop off course

A hot air balloon flight by the Bishop of Hereford, the Right Rev John Eastaugh, marking the start of a diocese tour, ended embarrassingly yesterday when he was blown into the neighbouring diocese of Worcester.

After taking off from Ludlow School, the balloon eventually came down on a farm near Abberley.

40 Butlin staff go

Butlins is to dismiss 40 of the 112 permanent staff at Somerwest world, its holiday camp in Minehead, Somerset.

The announcement comes a week after the firm said it was going to shut down its holiday camp in Barry, South Wales, as part of a countrywide cost-cutting operation.

Jury clemency plea

A jury's appeal to a judge yesterday saved the son of Mike Reid, the comedian, from going to jail for shooting dead his best friend. The jurors, sitting at Chelmsford Crown Court, found Mark Reid, aged 20, guilty of the manslaughter of Ian Rogers, aged 17, but made a special plea for clemency which was accepted by Mr Justice Drake.

Instead, Reid was put on two years' probation. The court had been told Ian Rogers was blasted by a shotgun from a range of 10 feet as the pair skylarked.

Poll rules tightened

The Civil and Public Services Association has tightened its rules to prevent irregularities in the rerun of the election for a general secretary.

The election, which begins on Monday week, was ordered after the disclosure that union members were denied voting rights in the contest won by Mr John Macreadie (right), a supporter of Militant Tendency.

Newspaper 'blunder'

More than 3,000 readers of *The Daily Telegraph* yesterday each thought they had won a Seychelles holiday in the newspaper's Passport Control competition.

But because of a misprint, all they will get is a few pence.

The management admitted what it said was a "huge blunder". As a gesture of regret, the newspaper is to donate £10,000 to the Save the Children Fund.

Tunnel job worth '100,000 man-years'

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

The construction of the Channel tunnel and associated activities will create about 100,000 man-years of employment in Britain, Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, said yesterday in a vigorous defence of the project.

Addressing a conference in London organized by the European League for Economic Co-operation, Mr Moore said he had been dismayed by the extent of the suspicion and inertia shown towards the scheme. He felt that the adverse factors in the project would be vastly offset by the advantages.

As a result of the proceedings of the House of Commons select committee, which has been hearing objections to the project, a number of important safeguards had been put in place. The stipulation that the fixed link would be constructed and operated without recourse to government funds or government guarantees would now be written into the Bill which is before Parliament.

Some jobs in the ports and on the ferries would inevitably go, but most would not. The ferries would continue not just on the longer routes but also on the short sea crossings.

Cross Channel traffic had quadrupled in the past 20 years. The additional choice represented by the tunnel and the spur of competition to existing modes of air and sea travel to improve efficiency and reduce fares would result in more people and goods crossing the Channel.

"The Channel tunnel will be the biggest civil engineering project of its kind ever undertaken in Europe. Half of it will be British, and that will be a tremendous demonstration that we still have the skill and imagination for great ventures.

"The project will be undertaken entirely by the private sector, thus demonstrating that the free enterprise economy can still respond to great opportunities without the prop of government underwriting," he said.

The construction of the tunnel system and the associated railway works and rolling stock would create in Britain some 100,000 man-years of employment, if account was taken of the knock-on effect. There would be a similar boost for the construction industry in France, he said.

● The Council for the Protection of Rural England yesterday accused the Government of breaking its undertaking to allow objectors to the Channel tunnel to present their case to the select committee considering the Bill.

The complaint came in a letter to Mr Alex Fletcher, MP, the committee chairman, from Mr Robin Grove White, the CPRE director. He said that as a result of an unreasonably tight timetable for the committee's hearings, it had effectively ruled against a number of individuals putting their case in person to the committee in spite of an assurance given in the House last December that they would be able to do so.

MPs divided on issue of privately-run British jails

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

A Commons select committee is divided on the politically explosive question of whether privately-run prisons should be introduced in Britain.

Conservative members of the home affairs committee returned from a fact-finding trip to America last month convinced that such institutions provided an answer to the chronic overcrowding and considerable financial drain of British prisons.

At the last count there was a total prison population of 47,307 in accommodation built for just under 41,000, with each inmate costing an average of £36 a day to keep.

However Labour members who went on the trip are saying privately that the concept of making profit from prisoners is "obscene" and that they could never endorse a report calling for privately-run prisons.

They acknowledge that the American prisons had their good points, but insist that these should merely be taken on board by state-run prisons here.

The Tories insist that the American system is one of "management contract", not "privatization" but both Tory and Labour MPs admit that there is little scope for compromise.

The committee visited three "correctional institutions" run by the Corrections Corporation of America (CCA).

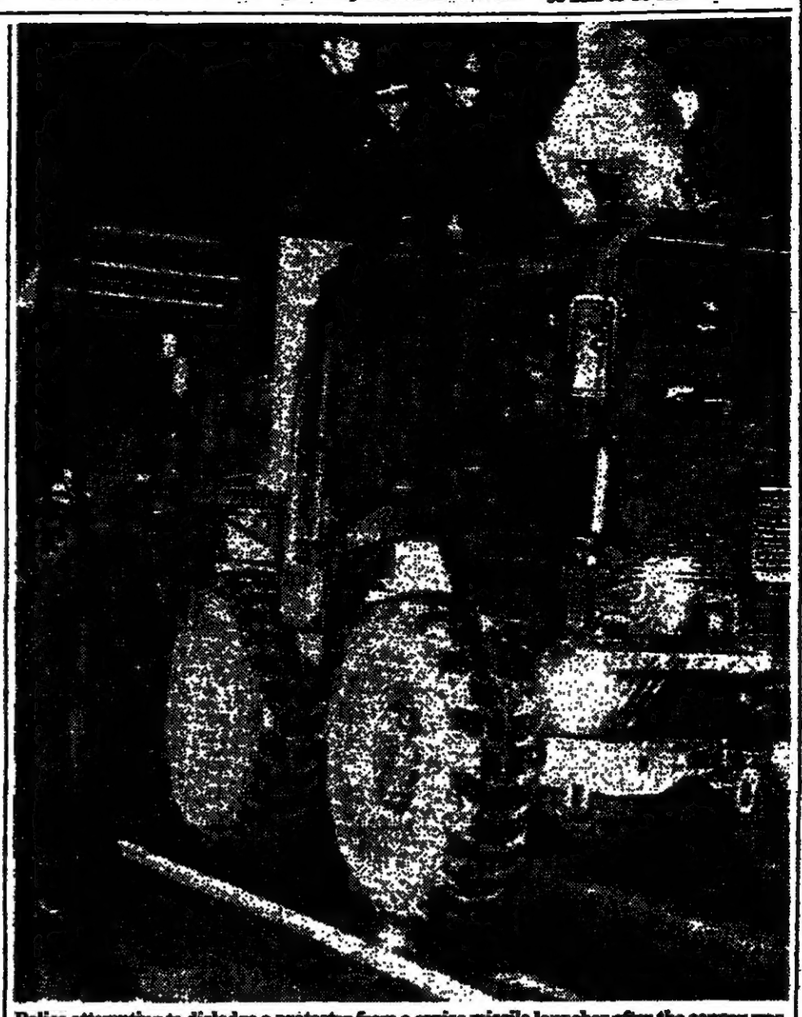
Sir Edward Gardner, the committee chairman, described the trip as "one of the most revealing I have ever undertaken," while another Tory, Mr John Wheeler, said he was "profoundly impressed".

According to Sir George, the CCA had cut roughly five dollars off the 25 dollars a day it cost state prisons to keep a prisoner, and had done so while improving standards.

The CCA met the capital cost of building the prisons, which took less than nine months to construct and which reverted to state ownership after 20 years.

Faced with the ultimate sanction of losing the contract, the CCA scrupulously observed stringent conditions laid down by the state and its prisons were subject to frequent and unannounced inspections. It provided rehabilitation opportunities for prisoners and an "after-care" service once they were released.

The committee will continue its inquiry in this country by taking evidence from the Home Office and prison authorities.



Police attempting to dislodge a protester from a cruise missile launcher after the convoy was halted yesterday on its way back to Greenham Common.

Missile convoy ambushed

By Peter Davenport, Defence Correspondent

A convoy of cruise missile launchers returning to the Greenham Common airfield from an exercise was ambushed yesterday by protesters who cut brake pipes and daubed white paint on the vehicles.

They claimed their actions had immobilized the leading launcher bringing the entire convoy to a halt for more than an hour and forcing US personnel to remove a red box which, they said, contained confidential instructions about the missiles.

However, the Ministry of Defence said later the attackers had severed the brake hoses on two equipment trailers only.

The ambush, involving about 100 members of the Cruise Watch organization and local peace protesters happened at 1am yesterday as the convoy moved slowly up a steep hill on the A303 between Amesbury, Wiltshire, and Andover, Hampshire.

Wiltshire police said four people were charged with obstruction and two with breach of the peace.

Mr Rob Watling, a member of Cruise Watch, which has been responsible for several other incidents with convoys, said: "It is another example of how unarmed and untrained civilians can interrupt a Nato exercise. I hate to think what could happen if determined terrorists decided to attack this convoy."

The convoy, which included four launchers, returned to the Greenham Common base about three and a half hours after the incident and Ministry of Defence police made three more arrests later.

The ministry said the convoy was taking part in a routine training exercise and was not carrying live missiles.

New push to check 'lenient' sentences

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Government is expected to resurrect its controversial proposal giving the Attorney General a right to refer apparently over-lenient sentences to the Court of Appeal, as a way of resolving a serious split between ministers and judges.

It is now almost certain to drop its original proposal for the Lord Chief Justice's sentencing guidelines to be codified and published on a statutory basis by the Judicial Studies Board.

That proposal has been strongly opposed by senior judges and by Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, although it was favoured by Home Office ministers.

But the Government is determined to be seen to be tackling the problem of sentences that appear too lenient.

The proposal for a right of referral to the Court of Appeal for an opinion — which would have no power to change the sentence — was contained in the Prosecution of Offences Bill last year and thrown out after opposition in the Lords.

It is now emerging as the option likely to counter least opposition from the ministers involved, although it may still run into opposition in the Lords.

Ministers hope there is still time for the proposal to be contained in the the Criminal Justice Bill expected late next week.

The option was one of the three canvassed by the Government in its criminal justice White Paper earlier this year. The second and stronger option was for a right of referral by the Attorney General, with the Court of Appeal having power to increase sentences.

However, the Government fears that this would lay the prosecution open to a charge of involvement in sentencing. The same applies to the option favoured by the Lord Chief Justice, for a prosecution right of appeal over apparently lenient sentences.

'New rules will reduce detections'

The fall in detection rates for juvenile crime is due to the rule requiring adults to be present during police interviews, a police superintendent claims in this month's *Criminal Law Review* (Our Legal Affairs Correspondent writes).

Det Supt Donald Taylor, co-ordinator of the south-west regional crime squad, also predicts there will be a similar drop in adult detections as a result of new codes of practice on police questioning and the right of suspects to have a solicitor with them when interrogated.

Mr Taylor says that many more offences were admitted by juveniles when questioned by police before 1978, when the new rules were introduced.

Reported crime rose by 47 per cent between 1978 and 1985, but total detections rose by only 34 per cent. That was in spite of adult detections increasing by 49 per cent.

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Suicide of fraud case bank chief

A bank manager shot himself after inquiries began into an alleged £3 million fraud involving one of his customers and a government department, Lincoln Crown Court was told yesterday.

Mr John Taylor, manager of the Lincoln branch of Lloyds Bank, committed suicide in October 1982 when investigations began into the Lincoln firm of Lumiere Leisure.

Mr David Farrar, QC, for the prosecution, has claimed that directors of the firm invented bogus sales of fold-away squash courts and sports centres to France, Belgium and Australia, which were used to secure massive loans from Coutts and Lloyds Bank.

The loans were insured under an agreement with the Export Credit Guarantee Department, which had to pay out £3.3 million when the Lumiere group of companies finally collapsed in the summer of 1982. He said that the firm repaid bogus loans by taking out even larger loans for contracts which never existed.

Two former directors of Lumiere are accused of operating the fraud under the supervision of the firm's managing director, Mr Robert Stapleton, now in Spain.

Mr Stapleton's wife Julia Stapleton, aged 40, of The Spindles, Boothby Graffoe, near Lincoln, is accused of 10 counts of false accounting and 10 alternative charges of obtaining overdrafts by deception. Robert Coles, aged 39, the company's former financial director, of Hayton, near East Retford, Nottinghamshire, faces four charges of false accounting.

The trial continues today.

Arts funding

Theatres facing cash crisis

By Gavin Bell, Arts Correspondent

The Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) has no financial reserves to meet a crisis and its future will remain uncertain unless the Government restores the real value of its subsidy next year, Mr Geoffrey Cass, its chairman, said yesterday.

At the same time, the Oxford Playhouse has given a warning that it could close next July because the university can no longer afford to bail out the theatre in its latest cash crisis.

Presenting the RSC 1985-86 annual report yesterday, Mr Cass said the transfer of four successful productions to the West End had resulted in a net surplus of little more than £5,000.

That margin was perilously small. "Contingency planning is difficult when we are already trying to absorb a significant reduction in the real value of a carefully established level of subsidy."

Mr Cass said the effect of restricted increases in the past two years had been to reduce the real value of the subsidy to well below a minimum required level. "If the real value of that base is not restored in 1987-88, we must warn governors that the prospects for the future will once again be distressingly difficult."

The company staged a record number of 36 productions, including 14 new plays and adaptations, during the year in Stratford-upon-Avon, London and on tour.

The Oxford University Hebdomadal Council, which is facing a cash crisis of its own because of government cuts, reached its decision about the Playhouse on Monday.

Mr D W Roberts, deputy registrar, said yesterday that staff were aware of the university's long-standing concern about the theatre's considerable financial difficulties and its inability to operate without substantial subsidies.

A successful appeal in 1982 had bought time to explore new arrangements, on the basis that the university could not commit itself to keeping the Playhouse in business beyond next July.

"The need for substantial economies in all its activities make it more than ever necessary for the university to close its open-ended commitment to make up the Playhouse's deficit year after year," Mr Roberts said.

Oftel criticizes Telecom service

By Jonathan Miller

The Government's Office of Telecommunications is preparing to release a report on the quality of telephone service that is strongly critical of British Telecom.

The report is based on monitoring of the telephone network by 2,000 volunteers recruited by Oftel's 164 Telephone Advisory Committees.

The statistics from the monitoring exercise form the first official measurement of BT's technical performance as it does not disclose details of the quality of service it provides to its 20 million customers.

According to Oftel, the main problem with the BT network lies with its local exchanges, few of which have the latest digital technology.

Almost 60 per cent of Britain's telephone customers are served by Strowger electromechanical exchanges, based on technology invented by a Kansas City undertaker in 1889.

Another 15 per cent of BT's lines are served by cross-bar exchanges, based on technology invented in 1919. Some exchanges are more than 50 years old.

A BT spokesman said yesterday it would not be possible to comment on Oftel's report until it had been studied.

Anglo-Irish agreement

Concern over tactics widens Unionist split

By Richard Ford

The divisions between Northern Ireland's two Unionist parties deepened yesterday as they organized protests to mark the first anniversary of the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Both the Official and Democratic Unionists are deeply suspicious of each other's tactics and it is becoming increasingly difficult for the hostilities between the two parties to be kept to private meetings.

Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the Official Unionists, yesterday indicated that his MPs may soon be back at Westminster voting in vital divisions, while Mr Ian Paisley, the DUP leader, says a citizens' army is needed to oppose the deal with Dublin.

The Official Unionists are increasingly alarmed at preparations apparently being made by Mr Paisley to "mobilize" tens of thousands of "loyalists" into a citizens' army ready to take to the streets. He has suggested a "disciplined force" and it is believed that an embryo structure is already in existence, in readiness for a formal announcement.

Mr Paisley's office has booked the Ulster Hall in Belfast for a "dedication service" on Monday night, but he denies that people are being "mobilized for anything illegal".

The Official Unionist leadership has not been involved in any of the preparations for such a mobilization, and yesterday Mr Molyneaux said he had no reason to believe that his colleagues in the Unionist family were involved as a party in organizing such an army.

There are others within the OUP who believe that their allies in the fight against the agreement are operating behind their backs with other loyalist groups to organize resistance to the deal.

Mr Molyneaux denounced the idea of any citizens' army as being worrying to all right-thinking people.

He said it would be difficult for him to explain to his party that one of the partners had engaged in something without consultation, and said: "We have been through all this before in the 70s".

He added that he had served in an army during the Second World War — a comment not lost on those within Unionism who know that Mr Paisley was not a member of the Armed Forces during that conflict.

If the OUP are concerned at the ideas of their colleagues, the DUP will be equally worried as Mr Molyneaux's indication that Unionist MPs may be back at Westminster voting on certain issues within the near future.

The DUP see this a weakening of Unionist resolve, but Mr Molyneaux said it did not mean they would be reverting to normal Parliamentary practice.

"We have not been totally boycotting Parliament. We in all probability will be engaged in voting, perhaps in the near future. It would have to be something vitally important. We have no intention of going there as lobby fodder, propping up and giving respectability to a government which has betrayed us."

NEWS INTERNATIONAL

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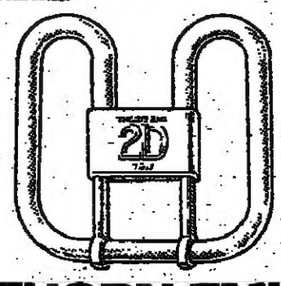

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Trade union restrictions blamed for hospital cost

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Restrictive trade union practices in hospitals are costing millions of pounds and are leading to the deaths of kidney patients, a Conservative MP said yesterday.

Mr Tony Favell, secretary of the Conservative health and social services committee, blamed the health service unions both for preventing contracting out and for inefficiency within the NHS.

"It's quite clear that there's a rigidity of working practices and demarcation within the NHS reminiscent of the shipbuilding industry at its very worst," he said.

The MP has sent evidence to Mr Antony Newton, Minister for Health, which he said showed that the crisis facing NHS renal units could be solved overnight if dialysis treatment was contracted out to the private sector. Three times as many patients could be treated, and at a saving of £6,000 per patient per year.

So acute is the crisis that NHS hospitals no longer have room for new patients. An estimated 1,200 kidney patients are waiting for treatment. The St Peter's Group of Hospitals in London is providing dialysis for 235 patients, although funded for only 164.

Mr Favell denied there was a shortage of equipment. "It is my firm belief that hospital dialysis machines are not worked to capacity because of inflexible working practices in many health service regions," he said.

In Wales, the private sector had built two new renal units within five months of winning government contracts and had achieved savings of £6,000 a patient through flexible working practices.

Dialysis treatment takes five and a half hours per session. NHS employees work eight-hour shifts, and therefore accommodate just one patient per shift, whereas private renal unit employees work three 11-hour days, accommodating two patients per shift.

In the NHS a technician stands by in case anything goes wrong, whereas in private units nurses are trained to perform technical work.

Mr Favell sent Mr Newton a letter from Dr Derek Thompson, consultant nephrologist at the St Peter's hospitals, describing contracting out to relieve pressure as "very attractive".

Another letter from Mr Smart Twaddell, director of the private but non-profit-making Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth, London, said: "We have the capacity, immediately, to deal with a large number of Health Service patients and to offer them a high standard of dialysis treatment".

Mr Favell said he had approached all four London regional health authorities, "but on each occasion the response has been poor and it is apparent to me that my proposals have not been fully considered".

The Camel Corps plodding leaden-footed across the burning artificial sand of Gieves and Hawkes' window display in Savile Row, London, yesterday. They were in a parade previewing the biggest auction yet of toy soldiers, to take place at Phillips, London, on January 14 and 15 (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Portfolio Gold

Wife will have say in prize

The sole winner of yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000 is Mr John Rothwell, of south-west London.

Mr Rothwell, aged 49, has played the Portfolio Gold game regularly since it started. "I am very pleased," he said.

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Doctor faces drug charges

A doctor was yesterday sent for trial accused of using the name of a dead patient to obtain drugs dishonestly from chemists.

Dr Gordon Moxon, aged 54, of Castle Cottages, Bickleigh, near Tiverton, Devon, appeared before magistrates at Newton Abbot on three charges of obtaining the painkiller, dextromoromide, by claiming it was for patients.

Nature line

The Prince of Wales is backing residents of Denstone, Staffordshire, in their fight to have a disused railway line, once destined to become a road, adopted as a nature walk.

Dead man had record drug dose

A man who died in police custody was "intoxicated" with one of the highest levels of cocaine ever recorded, an inquest in London was told yesterday.

Dr Patrick Tozeland, a toxicologist, told Westminster coroners' court: "It's the highest level I have seen".

He said that the dose taken by Ceiphus Anthony Lemard was lethal.

Dr Tozeland said that analysis of the amount of cocaine in Mr Lemard's urine was the highest he had ever seen recorded in world literature.

He said he was unable to tell whether Mr Lemard had used the cocaine in its free basing method, known as "crack".

Mr Lemard, an engineer, of Haskell House, Stonebridge Park estate, Stonebridge, north-west London, was found dead at Kensington police station on October 8, shortly after being arrested. Police had received complaints that Mr Lemard, armed with a knife, had been terrorizing residents of Markland House, Notting Hill, west London.

Dr Tozeland said that the dead man had inhaled cocaine through his nose and the high level would make him hyperactive and cause hallucinations.

Dr Iain West, a pathologist, said the cocaine caused the death although the mechanism of death was from the inhalation of vomit.

Dr West added that his post-mortem examination showed no signs of Mr Lemard either being violently restrained or involved in a violent struggle.

Professor Bernard Knight, an independent pathologist for the Lemard family, agreed with the conclusions of Dr Iain West as did Dr Geoffrey Greasham who did a third post-mortem examination for the police.

Police Constable Russell Worsley who was called to arrest Mr Lemard said: "The man went beserk and was thrashing about wildly." Five police officers managed to get Mr Lemard to the ground and handcuff him.

PC Worsley had alerted colleagues that they were arriving with a "potentially violent person" but on their arrival Mr Lemard had quietened down. When he was taken to the charge room and laid on the floor it was obvious he was not breathing.

The hearing continues today.

Private Eye case

Foot denies Maxwell 'gift'

Mr Michael Foot, the former Labour Party leader, denied in the High Court yesterday that he had received a cheque for £75,000 from Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, over dinner in a Soho restaurant.

He said the allegation in the satirical magazine, *Private Eye*, was "absolute rubbish".

The allegation was one of several in the magazine which alleged that the former Labour MP acted as paymaster to Mr Neil Kinnock in an attempt to buy a peerage, the court was told.

Mr Foot, aged 73, giving evidence on behalf of Mr Maxwell, said it was a "wide generalization" to say contributions to the party were a "short cut" to a peerage.

Mr Maxwell had contributed something more than £30,000 to the fund he and others had launched to pay their legal costs after losing a High Court claim against the Boundaries Commission in 1983.

When the fund was still short of its target he went to see Mr Maxwell who gave him a cheque for £8,534 to wipe the slate clean. Those donations were "absolutely proper", he said.

Their meeting in the Gay Hussar restaurant had nothing to do with the legal fight and no money was handed over. They were discussing whether a new Labour newspaper could be launched in time for the election.

Mr Maxwell, chairman of Mirror Group Newspapers, is seeking libel damages over two articles in the magazine in July last year, which he claims meant that he had bribed or attempted to bribe Mr Kinnock by paying for foreign trips.

The magazine and its former editor, Mr Richard Ingrams, deny libel. They are counter claiming for libel damages over a *Daily Mirror* article at the same time.

The hearing continues.

Smoker died after giving up

Mrs June Taylor's decision to give up smoking led to her death, an inquest was told yesterday.

Mrs Taylor, aged 31, put out her last cigarette, but just 24 hours later, the withdrawal symptoms of nervous tension and shaking triggered an acute asthmatic attack and she died.

Dr Edmund Tapp, a consultant pathologist, said Mrs Taylor had choked to death

Mr Howard McCann, the Lancashire county coroner, recorded a verdict that Mrs Taylor, of Larkhill Street, Preston, died of natural causes.

'Strain' of Tyra case worker

The Lambeth council social worker in charge of the case of Tyra Henry, who was 20 months old when she was bitten and beaten to death by her father, Andrew Neil, in September 1984, may have been too ill to cope with her case adequately, a social services chief admitted yesterday.

Mr Jack Smith, Lambeth's principal officer for social work, told the inquiry into her death that Mrs Avon Palethorpe, the fieldworker directly responsible for the child, was in poor health and was under strain because of her husband's death.

The tribunal has been told that a relief worker had to take over the child's care when Mrs Palethorpe had three months' compassionate leave because of illness after her husband's death.

When Mrs Palethorpe returned she decided with her superior, Miss Ann Daniels, six months before the killing, to stop visiting the child and her mother, Claudette, at their home in Evelyn House, Bonham Road, Brixton.

A health visitor's report that the mother was breaking care conditions by meeting Neil was not followed up by the two.

Mr Smith also said yesterday that Neil, who was facing charges for beating his son, Tyrone, should have beeen told to stay away from the family.

"But I don't know if it would have made any difference. I don't think it was possible to predict that Andrew Neil was a murderer," he said. The hearing continues.

Attack on baby 'not recalled'

A man accused of smashing a baby's head against a bedroom wall told a jury yesterday he could not remember the attack.

Michael George, of Berkeley Crescent, Padiham, near Burnley, denies the murder of Emma Louise Flynn, aged 19 months – his girl friend's daughter – who died in hospital two days after the attack. She had 38 separate bruises and a fractured skull.

But Mr George, aged 19, admits having seen photographs of Emma and said he accepted he was responsible.

"I was a bastard for doing that," he told Preston Crown Court.

The prosecution alleges that Mr George had been drinking heavily and had taken drugs when he went to the child's room in a rage after a dispute with his girl friend, Mrs April Flynn, in May.

He allegedly picked the baby up by the ears, headbutted her several times and then smashed her against the wall while holding her legs.

He told the jury that as a child he had been a victim of violence.

He admitted smoking cannabis, taking a tranquillizer and drinking cider, but said he did not recall any argument or going into the child's bedroom.

Dr John Rees, a drugs expert, told the court that the tranquillizer involved could reduce anxiety, depress brain function and cause violent and aggressive behaviour. The drug also caused amnesia which he would expect to be total

The trial continues.

Accidents at home

Peril of summer weekends

By Kenneth Gosling

Accidents in the home reach a peak at weekends in May and July between 4pm and 8pm, according to the annual report of the Department of Trade and Industry's Home Accident Surveillance System.

The main culprits for all non-fatal accidents in the home are stairs and steps, with more than 10,000 last year, closely followed by what the report calls "person (other than patient)", on 7,382.

Toys, such as abandoned roller skates, accounted for 1,183 incidents, pills and tablets for 800, and nails, screws and tacks for 1,500. Dogs caused 787 humans to come to grief without even leaving the house. Cats were much safer, with a score of 165.

Among inanimate objects blamed for accidents needing hospital treatment were wheelbarrows (74 cases), watering cans (six), deckchairs and sunbeds (143), hedge trimmers (210) and mowers (299).

In the bathroom, razors and blades accounted for 188 accidents, bath oils 12, nail varnish 16 and cotton wool 71.

A new method of monitoring hazardous consumer products was announced yesterday by Mr Michael Howard, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

The hazardous products database (Hazprod), to be developed jointly with local authority trading standards departments, will act to determine faults in products

Mr Howard said at the start of a two-day European conference on home safety research and accident prevention in London that the Government had reached an advanced stage in its plan to introduce a general duty to supply safe consumer goods, which would be the criminal law equivalent of civil liability.

There are about three million accidents requiring medical attention each year in British homes, including more than 5,000 deaths. Home accidents account for 40 per cent of all fatal accidents.

Home Accident Surveillance System, 9th annual report – 1985 data (Consumer Safety Unit, DTI, 10-18 Victoria Street, London SW1H ONN).

NON-FATAL HOME ACCIDENTS IN 1985

Products, articles and features of the home most frequently involved.

Category	Number of Accidents
Stairs/steps	10149
Person (other than patient)	7382
Doors (to rooms)	4366
Tins/tin openers	3000
Carpet/underlay	2646
Chairs	2648
Beds/bunk beds	2554
Floors	2277
Footwear	2154
Tables/coffee tables	1916
Ladders/step ladders	1534
Nails/screws/tacks	1499
Windows	1490
Glass (unspecified)	1481
Walls	1449
Cupboards/cabinets	1262
Paths	1199
Toys	1183
Domestic knives	1147

Category	Number of Accidents
Pieces/planks of wood	1140
Hot water	1128
Cars/parts	1127
Non-domestic knives	1102
Doors (unspecified)	1091
Splinters	1061
Sofas/couches	971
Hot drinks	932
Terraces/outside yards	889
Bare feet/socks	853
Knives (unspecified)	850
Pills/tablets	821
Bottles (glass and plastic)	821
Dogs	787
Stools/pouffes	764
Walls (outside)	754
Baths and fittings	752
Bones	718
Carving knives/carvers	715

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PARLIAMENT

Labour onslaught on Britain's star wars research

DEFENCE

Britain's participation in Star Wars research and the Government's nuclear policy came under attack during question time.

Mr Robert Clay (Sunderland North, Lab) said that the Reykjavik summit had destroyed the illusion that the Strategic Defence Initiative, far from enhancing the possibilities of nuclear disarmament, was the main stumbling block.

He suggested that President Reagan should be told that the only reason the Americans wanted British involvement in SDI was to "rip-off" commercial research by British firms.

He also said that **Mr George Younger**, Secretary of State for Defence,should come clean about the Nato tactical ballistic missile initiative and make an honest statement about it.

Mr Younger said nothing at Reykjavik altered the fact that the Soviet Union had been engaged in research into strategic defence matters for a long time and that their offer there was to try to prevent the United States carrying on their efforts in these matters while the Russians carried on doing it themselves. This seemed unreasonable.

Sir Anthony Buck (Colchester North, C) said that if they could get away from the doctrine of "mad", mutually assured destruction, it would be a great advantage to the whole world. That was an awful doctrine and he wanted to see something effective substituted for it.

Mr Younger agreed. He said that was why the Government had put such a high priority on encouraging the US to negotiate as strongly as it could for armaments reductions provided they were balanced reductions, including all types of armaments, so that the security of the West could be maintained.

Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-Tweed, L) asked if the Government believed that SDI could create an impenetrable nuclear shield, making nuclear weapons unnecessary. How would that aid Europe?

Mr Younger told him that the purpose of SDI was to establish whether such techniques could produce such an effect and, if so, whether it could be deployed as an extra protection for the West.

Mr John Wilkinson (Ruislip-Northwood, C) said President Reagan was, in fact, set up by the Soviet Union at Reykjavik.

"For General Secretary Gorbachev to make the abandonment of SDI a precondition for arms control progress was a dangerous step on his part with the whole world looking forward to an early summit with the United States, with the agenda settled at Reykjavik, agreed by both sides."

Mr Younger: He is correct in suggesting that had President Reagan agreed to the one condition which the Soviet Union and Mr Gorbachev tried to lay down at Reykjavik, he would have given away the right of the West to research into these matters while leaving the Russians free to continue

That would have been a dangerous step and we should be grateful to the President that he did not agree to it.

Mr Cyril Townsend (Bexleyheath, C) said it was sensible for Britain to be involved in anti-missile defence which would give her a chance to play a part in a decision on whether the project should be implemented.

Mr Younger said that about £17 million worth of business was coming to British firms as part of the programme.

Such research with British firms taking part was only trying to help to establish if such techniques would be important for the defensive shield of the West.

Mr Denzil Davies, chief Opposition spokesman on defence and disarmament, asked whether, as President Reagan in Iceland had offered to get rid of all strategic and nuclear weaponry within 10 years, the British Government had been consulted on that offer and whether it agreed with it.

Mr Younger: The British Government was very closely, very effectively and constantly consulted in the preparations for the Reykavik summit, and I could not possibly have expected any closer consultation than there was (Opposition laughter).

Of course, during the summit, the discussions had to be between those present.

The British Government had always tried to get arms reductions. "And if, in due course, taking into account all factors, including conventional and chemical weapons, we can approach a period of big reductions, or even zero, of course we

Mr Beith: Worried about the SDI "shield".

would be able to have a part in that process, but not taking only one part of it on its own."

Mr Roy Hughes (Newport East, Lab) asked whether SDI had, in fact, "scuppered" the Iceland disarmament talks (Conservative cries of "No!"). On further Star Wars Tests, further nuclear tests to determine the feasibility of the X-Ray system, he said that if the Government wanted disarmament and a comprehensive test ban treaty, the sooner it got off the Reagan bandwagon, the better.

Mr Younger said that was not correct. There had been no suggestion that this particular nuclear test was related to SDI, and indeed the Americans had

Mr Davies: Has Britain been consulted?

made clear that they abided within the ABM treaty and, therefore, no nuclear activities in space would be permitted as part of the research into the SDI programme.

On the ending of the Iceland summit, the pretext upon which the agreement nearly reached was not reached was the insistence of the Soviet Union that the US should abandon SDI research, leaving the Russians free to do their own work.

That was "an extremely bad bargain, which the President was quite right to refuse".

Mr Antony Marlow (Northampton North, C) commented: If we were to adopt the defence policy or lack of policy sold to the Labour Party by Mrs Ruddock (Joan Ruddock, of CND) and Mrs Kinnock, would not we find that without any Americans, without nuclear weapons, we could defend ourselves only with our own SDI?

Mr Younger: Mr Marlow may well be right on that. But if the British Government had followed the policies as advocated by the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and the Labour Party and others, we would be left with the Soviet Union not prepared to negotiate on any aspect of cruise missiles and we would have the SS20s pointed towards us from western Europe with nothing to replace them.

This whole episode is a complete demolition of the theory on which CND is based.

Mr Younger later told **Mr Richard Douglas** (Dunfermline West, Lab) that he did not think he had ever suggested that the Russians had breached the ABM treaty and that he made no such suggestion now. As he understood it, both sides were prepared to keep within the treaty but there was some dispute on the precise definition of what that involved.

Mr William Hamilton (Central Fife, Lab): In what conceivable circumstances would our so-called independent nuclear deterrent be used?

Mr Younger: The position of our independent nuclear deterrent is that it should be available as a last resort in case of any circumstances in future in which a last resort response was needed from this country.

If it was abandoned this country would be at the mercy of a vastly superior force in conventional terms. Mr Hamilton and his party are backing a dangerous defence policy.

Mr Jonathan Sayeed (Bristol East, C): One of the difficulties of the zero option was that it did not include those third world powers that have or are developing atomic weapons. To defend ourselves against that potential danger we need to maintain an independent nuclear deterrent.

Mr Younger: We have made it clear that none of our weapons, nuclear or non-nuclear, will ever be used as a first strike.

The possession by this country of an independent nuclear deterrent is a safeguard against any future threat which is always available for a British government to choose. The necessity to have that response has been agreed between all governments since the war, Labour or Conservative, and I would hope that would also be the case in future.

Mr James Wallace (Orkney and Shetland, L): If in the next five or six years the Soviet Union and the United States were able to agree on a 50 per cent reduction in strategic nuclear missiles, would it be the policy of a Conservative government to deploy a missile system representing an eightfold increase in the present Polaris system?

Are there circumstances in which the Government would be prepared to negotiate away Trident, and if so what are they?

Mr Younger: If the US and the Soviet Union were to agree on such a thing it would be more than the Liberal Party has been able to do with its own defence policy. If there were to be large reductions of 50 per cent or so in strategic weapons, this Government would be perfectly prepared to go along with the search for such reductions. If there was anything further, we would require the taking into account of conventional and other weapons systems which are a threat to us.

Mr Kevin McNamara (Hull North, Lab), an Opposition spokesman on defence and disarmament: On the basis of his argument must we assume that it is government policy that under no circumstances is it prepared to see the United Kingdom give up its deterrent and therefore we will maintain it, no matter what the US does, while there are strong conventional forces in the USSR?

In fact it is not a deterrent against nuclear blackmail but against conventional forces.

Mr Younger: We have always made clear that we consider the possession of an independent deterrent by this country is essential to our security. That has been the view of Labour as well as Conservative governments.

If there were to be very large reductions in strategic systems and no development of any new weapon which was a threat to us we would be prepared to consider whether we could contribute to further reductions

Later, **Mr McNamara** questioned the Prime Minister about the role of cruise and Pershing missiles. He said that when the decision was taken to have those weapons in Britain, it was on the grounds that it would force the Russians to the table and make them take out the SS20s.

"Now that the Russians and Americans have agreed that the SS20 and cruise and Pershing should go, why does she run to the United States to see Reagan and say she did not really mean it and can she keep these weapons here?"

Mrs Thatcher: The matter of the intermediate nuclear forces has to be negotiated in Geneva.

That is the only place where agreement can be reached. The British Government welcomes the progress made on the INF at Reykjavik. That is consistent with the long-standing (Nato) alliance position that INF must be dealt with on a global basis.

The zero-zero solution was long-term, but some SS20s in Asia were acceptable, provided that the disparity was not too great.

"It is the well known alliance position that the problem of short-range nuclear forces must also be addressed because they were put into satellite countries in response to cruise and Pershing, which were deployed in response to SS20. It must all be worked out."

Mr George Younger: Keeping British researchers involved in nuclear defence planning

'Absurd' report by union man denied

EMPLOYMENT

No targets for reductions in the number of benefit recipients were being laid down for claimant advisers in employment offices, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Paymaster General and Minister for Employment, said when replying to a private notice question from Mr John Prescott, chief Opposition spokesman on employment.

Mr Clarke said the latest absurd allegation had arisen out of press reports in which a trade union official had quoted from the minutes of a meeting where a middle-rank officer had expressed himself in a way which did not have ministerial approval.

He had never suggested that most of the unemployed were not genuinely jobless. But if, in the course of carrying out positive work to help the unemployed back into work or training, officers encountered cases where it was obvious that people were not entitled to the unemployment benefit they were drawing, of course that benefit would be stopped.

It was absolutely absurd to say that amounted to fiddling the unemployment figures. Were Labour MPs really suggesting that such cases should be ignored?

Mr Prescott said that Mr Clarke had informed the House last week that the cost of 1,500 new officers to administer the new work availability test could be paid for by a reduction in claimants of 2 per cent.

Would he confirm that the additional 850 new claimant advisers would be interviewing to check up on unemployed people who would be subjected to the new work availability test?

Why was the minister introducing new measures directed against the unemployed when the country knew the problem was not the availability of the unemployed for work but rather the availability of work for the unemployed?

Mr Clarke said the new form had been tried out for months without complaint.

He had said, in reply to a question last week, that if they saved less than 2 per cent by finding people who were not entitled to unemployment benefit it would cover the cost. He was in no way implying that any target was being set down.

Mr Andrew Rowe (Mid Kent, C) said one of the consequences of the new "Restart" programme was that very large numbers of long-term unemployed people had been amazed to find so many opportunities open to them.

Mr Clarke said he had been in Manchester that morning where he had visited an employment office and seen the effects of the "Restart" initiative.

He had seen a young man, who had come along to the job club for the first time in a very long time, studying the details of a job he thought he might be able to do. All the staff there were pleased with the work being carried out under "Restart" and the job clubs and the unemployed felt something was being done to help them.

Mr Prescott ran the risk of undermining those new schemes.

Mr Richard Wainwright (Colne Valley, L) said if the new claimant advisers turned up cases of people entitled to benefit who were not getting it, would that be regarded as just as effective as getting people off the unemployment register?

Mr Clarke said it would be, though that was unlikely. The whole point of instructions given to the officers was to help people wherever they could.

If officers discovered some people were claiming unemployment benefit who were not entitled to it, the average member of the public would think ministers were mad if they told them to ignore that.

Women deacons measure passes

Deaconesses had a substantial share both in the conduct of public worship and in the general life of the Church of England, the **Bishop of Rochester, the Right Rev David Say**, said in the House of Lords when he successfully moved that the Deacons (Ordination of Women) Measure, should be presented for Royal Assent on Friday.

The Measure, which would for the first time allow women deacons to conduct marriage services, would create no serious problems in the relationship of the Anglican Communion with either the Orthodox Church or the Roman Catholic Church, whose members had been watching the progress of the Measure with considerable interest.

He emphasized that the Measure would not allow women to become priests. That would be something for future consideration and debate if and when the time came.

Lady Seear (L) welcomed the Measure which she said gave recognition to the work, qualifications and value of women in the church. As such, it would encourage more women to become deaconsand so help to relieve the burden of existing workers.

Missiles protest attacked

An ambush by anti-nuclear protesters on a cruise missile convoy returning to Greenham Common from exercises on Salisbury Plain was condemned by a Tory MP during Commons questions.

Mr Patrick McNair-Wilson (New Forest, C) said the ambush of a military convoy in the early hours of the morning would cause great concern among people of this country.

He asked Mr John Stanley, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, if he was satisfied that it could be prevented in the future and whether the perpetrators had been apprehended.

Mr Stanley: I have received a report. I understand some arrests were made. Members of the police and other services involved showed immense patience and restraint.

In very different international circumstances from those we have had today, we would have to take a very different attitude towards protection of nuclear weapons.

Sir Anthony Grant (Cambridgeshire South West, C): Many of us would like the Government to have rather more control over security of Nato bases than half-baked local authorities like Cambridgeshire, whose failure to enforce the law against CND and other oddballs is as infuriating to the residents as it is dangerous to the nation.

Mr Stanley said the security position both at Greenham Common and Molesworth was very much better today than it was some time ago.

● The total value of contracts placed by the Ministry of Defence with Rolls- Royce in the first six months of this financial year amounted to £100 million, **Mr Archibald Hamilton**, Under-Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, said during Commons questions.

Much of the department's business with the company, such as the RB199 engines for Tornado, was contracted for internationally.

He was replying to **Mr Michael Stern** (Bristol North West, C) who asked for an estimate of the total value of all contracts recently placed by his department with the company.

Mr Hamilton said that it was not possible to provide a reliable estimate of the man-hours involved.

Thatcher defends Tebbit letter

PRIME MINISTER

The Prime Minister said during question time that the complaint by Mr Norman Tebbit, chairman of the Conservative Party and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, against the BBC was the straightforward one of whether the corporation was honouring its charter and licence agreement.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, had asked her to "condemn the manic efforts of Mr Tebbit to subordinate the BBC by his smears", adding: "Or is he acting under her orders?"

Mrs Thatcher said that the complaint was not for the House to discuss, but for the BBC to reply to.

Mr Kinnock: She is incredible. Is she saying that her creature — he is definitely that — is acting in any straightforward fashion at all? This is a tortuous attempt to intimidate the BBC because it is not manipulating the news in the way she and Mr Tebbit wish.

Mrs Thatcher: It may be that Mr Kinnock has read the submission, but from what he has said, it does aot seem to me that he has.

If he had, he would have seen that it was in reference to the terms and conditions under which they broadcast that the complaint was made.. It is a matter of fact for the governors of the BBC to consider. It is only the governors who can decide on and reply to that complaint. It was a fairly measured complaint and if he reads it he will see that.

Mr Kinnock: I have read it. It is not a complaint — which is right — but coercion, which is entirely wrong.

Mrs Thatcher: It is a matter for the governors, and only the governors, to see whether the charter or licence agreement have been honoured. It is not for us to have an argument about it. It is for the governors to reply.

Dr David Owen, Leader of the SDP: Was it not the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster who was complaining to the BBC, but Mr Tebbit solely in his role as chairman of the Conservative Party?

If so, how are the two roles distinguished? Surely the Board of Governors is responsible for the BBC and it is they who should reply to the Conservative Party. The Government should distance itself from Mr Tebbit in his other role.

Mrs Thatcher: Dr Owen is right. Mr Tebbit made the complaint as chairman of the Conservative Party. On that basis I should refuse to answer questions.

● Later, during points of order after Prime Minister's question time, there was laughter in the chamber when **Mr James Callaghan** (Cardiff South and Penarth, Lab), the former Prime Minister, asked the Speaker: Can you advise us how to distinguish between the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster requesting the BBC to be impartial and fair, and the chairman of the Conservative Party sending them a bullying letter?

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) replied: I am not in any way responsible for the chairmen of political parties, but I am responsible for ministers in this House when they come to the despatch box.

Move on work time rejected

An attempt to reverse a decision by the Commons to abandon a clause on working hours, added by the House of Lords to the Sex Discrimination Bill, was defeated during peers' consideration of the Commons amendments on Monday. The clause allowed for extensive consultations before the introduction of equal working hours for men and women.

An amendment moved by **Lord Wedderburn of Charlton** (Lab), that the House should disagree with the Commons proposal to omit the clause, was rejected by 56 votes to 30 — Government majority, 26.

He argued that the House had been correct when it originally defeated the Government and inserted the clause into the Bill because there was a danger that women would be exploited.

Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Employment, said the clause would achieve nothing positive. No advantage would acrue from introducing such a complex, unwieldy and time-consuming consultation procedure.

Anti-crime cash grant

The Department of Transport is to make a grant of £15 million to London Regional Transport over the next three years to invest in anti-crime measures on the London Underground, **Mr David Mitchell**, Minister of State for Transport, said in a written reply.

This is a sequel to a study launched as a result of the Prime Minister's seminar on crime prevention in January this year. The study identified measures that are now being financed and LRT is to prepare a detailed programme of implementation, which Mr Mitchell will discuss with the authority.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): National Health Service (Amendment) Bill, Lords amendments. Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order.

Lords (2.30): Motion to disapprove statement on change in immigration rules.

Poll blow for the Alliance

By Nicholas Wood
Political Reporter

The Alliance's hopes of using the Knowsley North by-election as a platform for an electoral revival suffered a severe setback last night with the publication of an opinion poll carried out in the Labour Merseyside stronghold.

It predicts that the centre party will trail home a poor second to Labour with the Conservatives in third place.

According to the survey, Labour will get 67 per cent of the vote next Thursday , the Alliance 22 per cent and the Conservatives 10 per cent.

The prediction will come as a bitter blow to Mr David Steel and Dr David Owen, the Alliance leaders.

After the débâcle of the Liberal conference at Eastbourne over defence, which has seen the coalition slump to 17 per cent in the national ratings, they are aware that Knowsley North amounts to an eleventh-hour chance of staging a recovery.

For Labour, struggling to overcome the twin handicaps of a fractured local party and a candidate flat on his back in hospital with a slipped disc, the figures will be a source of great comfort.

They suggest that the sidelined Mr George Howarth, who was being seen yesterday by a specialist in Walton Hospital, Liverpool, will inherit something approaching the 17,000 majority achieved by his predecessor Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk.

The projected Tory vote, although pitifully small, will not cause great dismay at Conservative Central Office because it is nevertheless 4 per cent above the trend established in the 12 by-elections since the 1983 general election.

Yesterday, Mr Steel, the Liberal leader, underlined the make or break nature of the contest for the Alliance's fortunes.

On his fourth visit to the constituency since Mr Kilroy-Silk announced his resignation, he said that the Alliance has had "too many near misses" and he was determined to strike them off the agenda.

Of the poll carried out for BBC television's *Newsnight* on November 1 and 2 among a weighted sample of 736 electors in the poverty-stricken seat, Mr Steel said: "I think these figures are not as up to date as our canvass returns, and, while I do not challenge their accuracy, at the same stage in the Bermondsey election (where the Liberals eventually won with 57 per cent of the vote) we had a poll showing 26 per cent."

Mr Jack Straw, Labour MP for Blackburn and Mr Howarth's chief adviser in the campaign said: "Electors are now backing Labour in great numbers because George Howarth represents the mainstream Labour Party of Neil Kinnock."

Mr Roger Brown, the Tory candidate, said the polls showed that the Liberals were doing far worse than they claimed.

General election: R Kilroy-Silk (Lab), 24,949; A Birch (C), 7,758; B McColgan (SDP), 5,715; J Simons (WRP), 246. Labour maj: 17,191.

Mr David Trippier, an Employmnent junior minister (left), speaking with the Tory candidate at Knowsley North, Mr Roger Brown, yesterday.

Building office is closed

By Richard Evans
Political Correspondent

A council direct labour organization which made a loss of £3.3 million inside three years was closed yesterday on government orders.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, took the decision after a report disclosed the full extent of losses incurred on new building works by the London Borough of Newham's directly employed labour force.

More than £2 million was lost in 1984-85 alone.

The council has stopped awarding new building projects to its direct labour organization, but it expects further losses of about £2 million for 1985-86.

Mr Rhodes Boyson, the Minister for Local Government, said yesterday that the direct labour organization would be able to complete existing work.

A peer from Tasmania

A retired postmaster from Gravelly Beach, Tasmania, Mr Kenneth Murray, aged 73,took his seat in the House of Lords for the first time on Monday since becoming the eleventh Earl of Dunmore on the death of his brother.

Tebbit attack 'is having its effect'

By Our Political Reporter

Mr Norman Tebbit's attack on the BBC for alleged bias in its coverage on the Libyan bombing raid is already paying dividends, a government minister said yesterday .

The corporation has begun to take additional care to ensure that its reporting of political issues is fair and balanced, according to Mr David Trippier, an under-secretary at the Department of Employment.

Mr Trippier dismissed reports that many of his fellow ministers believe the Tory chairman had over-reacted with his highly publicized assault on the BBC's integrity.

He said they stood "shoulder to shoulder" with Mr Tebbit and he believed there was a "case to answer".

"I am led to believe that it might be improving, perhaps as a result of the letter the party chairman sent to the BBC", he said yesterday while campaigning in the Knowsley North by-election.

As evidence of the changed approach, the minister cited his own experience in a television interview on the Youth Training Scheme for the *Nine O'Clock News* last week.

Before going on air he was concerned that the report might not be fair and balanced. But after checking the finished article on video-tape he was "entirely satisfied" with it.

10-minute speech plan

By Our Political Reporter

An experiment enabling the Speaker to limit backbench speeches to 10 minutes during the middle hours of oversubscribed debates was declared a success yesterday.

As predicted in *The Times* last week, the procedure select committee produced a report saying that the use of time limits had engendered "a greater sense of fairness in those major debates in which many members wish to take part" and had guaranteed the Speaker's ability to call a respectable number of MPs.

The committee recommended that the experiment should become permanent practice.

MPs should not read prepared speeches that ignored previous contributions, and they should be prepared to "give way" to other MPs. Ministers and opposition spokesmen should attempt to limit their own opening and closing speeches to 30 minutes.

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Emergency work is not all blood and anguish — carpentry skills may be needed

Examining the facts at Guy's casualty ward

The BBC's drama series, *Casualty*, which has just ended, attracted a Saturday night audience of nine million viewers.

It angered doctors and nurses at the hospital where it was researched and prompted allegations of anti-Government bias from ministers.

William Greaves spent a night in one of London's busiest casualty wards to compare fact with fiction.

It is 8.42pm in the casualty ward of Guy's Hospital and Dr David Walsh has just completed the first hour of a shift which will not end until 8.30 next morning.

Behind a curtain a boy aged 15 is having his hand dressed after a firework accident and a queue of 12 people wait patiently in the corridor for their turn.

A nurse is looking for a saw to cut a walking stick down to size. "I'll never make a carpenter," she said with a wry smile.

Senior Staff Nurse Judy Morgan, aged 26, managed to grab a moment or two's respite to ponder the truths and fictions of the television series, *Casualty*, which looks like being the latest battleground in the current war between the Government and the BBC.

Nurses and doctors around the country fume over the programme's emphasis on constant love affairs, drinking and drug taking by hospital staff on duty, while Westminster's fury is directed at what ministers see as the script's left-wing condemnation of the NHS and the economies being imposed upon it.

"We don't spend our time popping pills or swigging gulps of whisky," Nurse Morgan said.

"It's a stressful job and we all have our social problems like anyone else, but we don't bring them to work with us and we don't shout them out to all and sundry in the coffee room.

"Nurses are human beings first and we behave like human beings. We're not angels — we eat, drink and sleep like anyone else.

"Nurses do go out with doctors, of course they do, but they go out with policemen and firemen and bank managers, too. Whoops...!"

Suddenly, the doors of the ward crash open and a man carrying a young woman in his arms shouts: "Emergency, emergency!" at the top of his voice. A second woman runs behind with her face in her hands, screaming: "She can't breathe, someone help her, please!"

For the sufferer and those that worried for her it was an incomprehensible moment of undiluted fear. For the staff in casualty it was another incident — a crisis which would be met with practised efficiency.

Casualty receptionist Carmel Rowe took the name and age of the woman and entered: "Difficulty in breathing" into the register.

The other entries made it a typical enough list — acute asthma; a 31-year-old man who had injured his right arm in a fall; a woman in labour; another with an infected finger; someone from Kent with abdominal pains; an ear infection; lacerated finger and injured right ankle.

"The waiting time is about two to three hours at the moment," Carmel said. "Everybody who comes here gets seen, but the surprising thing is how many people come with injuries and illnesses which are really routine and would be much better taken to their doctor's surgery.

"They have to wait hours because every urgent case which comes in gets seen immediately and pushes them further down the queue."

The lights of an ambulance alert the staff back into action stations, but this time there are no signs of alarm. An elderly man in a dressing gown is wheeled in by two ambulencemen.

They know where to go and one of them returns to the desk to give name and address. "CVA," he says succinctly, and the entry is made.

"Cardiac Vascular Accident," Carmel explains. "It means stroke really, but we use the initials because if the patient or relatives overhear they tend to get frightened."

The time ticks by and the queue gradually shortens in the corridor.

Nurses making coffee in the rest room and heating up the dinners they have brought with them all agree that the biggest inaccuracy in any television representation of casualty wards is the speed with which things happen and the constant evidence of blood and gore.

Serious road accidents, knifings and other manifestations of violent society are few and far between, they say.

But one of the messages of the latest television series — and, ironically, the one which has created the most angry response in government circles — was readily confirmed by Sister Diana Smith. "I've been in nursing for 10 years," she says, "and there is no doubt that the cuts in NHS spending are really beginning to bite.

"Hospital stocks have been reduced so much that we have gone weeks without any slings and we've been without tubular dressings for four or five weeks now.

"Just imagine it — a casualty department without slings. It isn't the hospital's fault, but it all adds to the workload.

"We're also terribly short of beds. We've got 12 bays here and half the time they are filled with people who have to be admitted, but are waiting for a bed in a ward.

"Our record is a patient stuck behind a curtain for 7½ hours, just because there was nowhere else to put him. It isn't just their inconvenience, it could mean that if a really serious multiple road crash comes in all our accommodation for treating the casualties is taken up by people who shouldn't be here at all."

By 3.30am Dr Walsh is just beginning to relax. He has been working single-handed without a break for six hours and the queue has almost disappeared.

"We're down to the alcoholics anonymous cases now," he jokes, ruefully listening to the obscene language coming from a drunken man, who has brought his equally drunk girl friend in with a cut head.

"We're too busy for politics and by and large we get by," he says. "But it's the nursing staff who are really feeling the strain and particularly the student nurses — they get all the lousy jobs because there's no one else to do them."

Sister Diana Smith (left) prepares a plaster for Sarah Allbury, while Student Nurse Mandy Cavin comforts a distressed woman (Photographs: Alan Weller).

House price rises remaining steady

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

House prices increased in Britain by 13.6 per cent during the year to the end of October, according to the latest house price index published by the Halifax Building Society yesterday.

This is the same as the plateau of increases reached in July and August. The figures show that in the past three months, house prices have increased by 2.9 per cent compared with 2.5 per cent in the three months to the end of September, but remain well below the peak of 5.4 per cent reached in the three months to June.

New house prices increased by 11.4 per cent in the year to October compared with 10.7 per cent to September.

As a result of the increase, house price inflation remains at four times retail price inflation and nearly double that of average earnings.

The Halifax states that the average price of all houses stands at £41,550, while the average for new houses is £46,780. The average price paid by first-time buyers in October was £31,420, 13.4 per cent higher than a year ago.

For London the rate of increase remains at an annual 25 per cent, similar to that for the past five months. In the South-east the annual increase has been 20 per cent.

The Halifax forecasts that house price inflation in 1987 will remain in double figures.

HOME FRONT

Search for Barton girl's body

Detectives are hoping that Ronald Barton, the convicted murderer, will show them the exact place where he hid the body of his stepdaughter, Keighley.

Barton, who was jailed for life last week for killing the girl, aged 14, told prison staff that he dumped her body in an overgrown cemetery in Stoke Newington, north London.

Police with dogs started their search of the 32-acre cemetery on Monday and yesterday a team of 60 police cadets arrived to help.

Det Supt Charles Farquahar, leading the investigation, said a full search of the rambling graveyard would take three days.

"The day after he was sentenced Barton told a member of the prison staff that he had hidden her body here," Mr Farquahar said.

"We had hoped to get him to show us exactly where he had hidden her.

Chemical threat to barn owls

Conservationists fear that barn owls are facing yet another threat to their diminishing population in the shape of a new and potent agricultural poison.

More than a dozen of the increasingly rare birds have been found dead in the Ipswich and Woodbridge area of Suffolk in the past few days.

Mr Reg Snook, a Department of the Environment wildlife inspector, yesterday said: "All the signs point to poison".

Laboratory tests are being carried out to determine why they died, but it looks as though farmers could be using a new, much more powerful pesticide which owls are taking in.

Barn owl numbers in East Anglia have been drastically reduced because of increased traffic, traps, and the disappearance of their natural habitat.

MP's benefit plea for young athletes

By Angella Johnson

The future of some of Britain's best sporting hopes may rest on a case being put to the House of Commons this week to stop unemployed amateurs losing their social security benefit while competing abroad.

Mr Alan Williams, Labour MP for Swansea West, plans to argue the case of the Welsh athlete, Karen Hough, in an early day motion for a new benefit rule, which would allow athletes to claim supplementary benefit while competing in overseas championships.

Karen, aged 18, of Bron-y-Bryn, Killay, Swansea, is one of Britain's top junior javelin throwers. She lost her £47 benefit for two weeks while competing in the European Championships in Stuttgart because the DHSS ruled that she was unavailable for work.

She was told by her local benefit office that her attendance at competitions abroad count as holidays and she could not receive any money because she could not attend job interviews.

Mr Williams appealed to Mr Nicholas Lyell, Under Secretary at the Department of Health and Social Security, but was told in a letter that the rules could not be relaxed.

Karen said: "I was very upset when I returned, to find that my money had been stopped and I had to sign on again, but this is not uncommon among young athletes.

"Fortunately I was able to turn to my parents for financial support, but many full-time amateurs find it difficult to cope and are unable to attend international events. Yet it is this experience which is needed to help us become medal winners."

Mr Tony Ward, of the British Amateur Athletics Board, said: "The current law hits at the athletes of the future, who at present are struggling to find enough money to live on while dedicating themselves to improving their skills."

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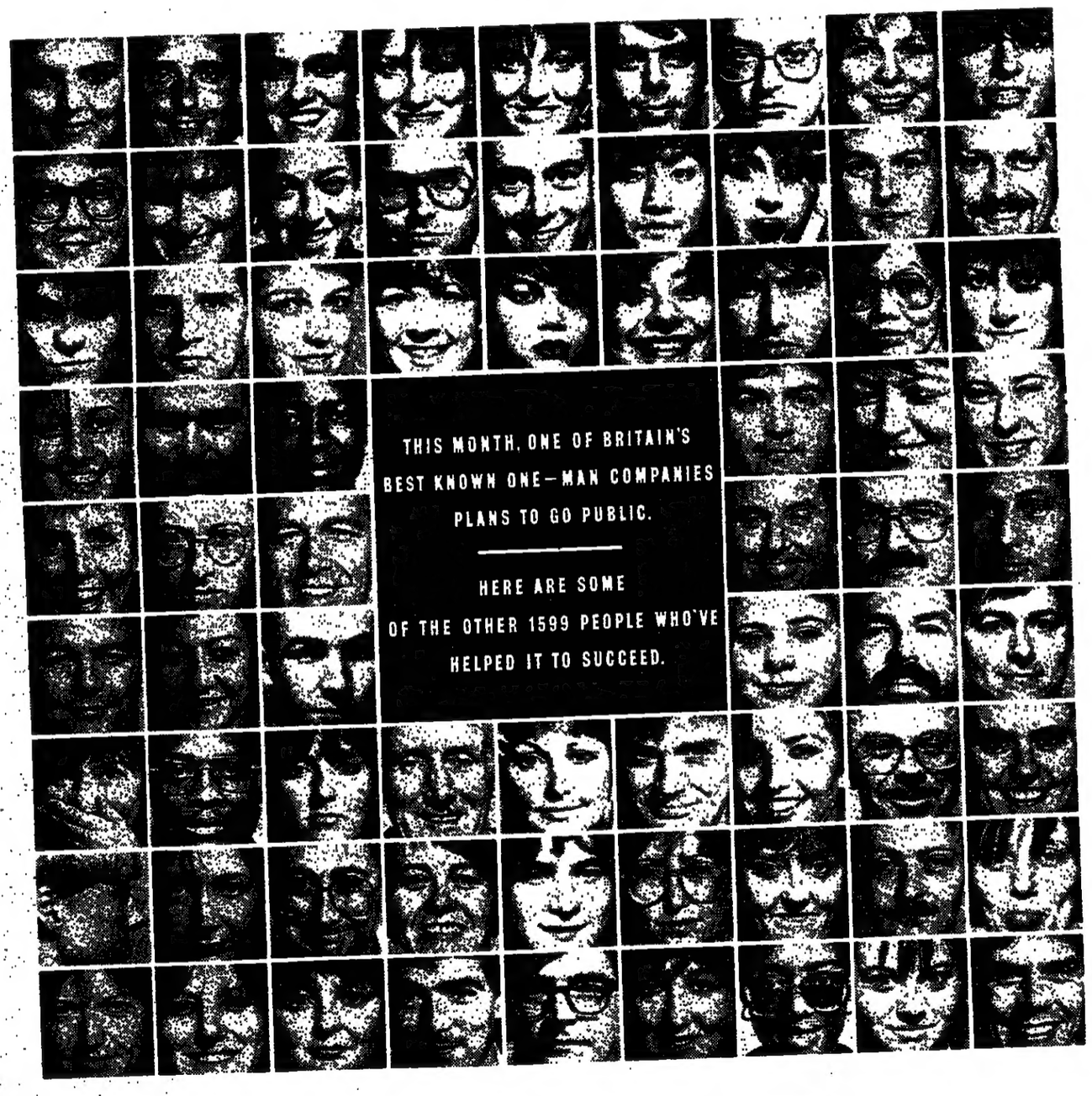

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FROM THE ROCK MARKET TO THE STOCK MARKET.

Civil Servants responding to demands for more efficiency

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

The Civil Service, so often criticized for being bureaucratic and unwieldy, is well on the way to becoming a much more efficient government machine, a report disclosed yesterday.

The optimistic assessment comes after a detailed inquiry by Sir Gordon Downey, the Comptroller and Auditor General, into how Whitehall has responded to ministerial attempts to improve the Civil Service's effectiveness and achieve better value for money from government spending which totals more than £100 million.

His investigation concentrates on how individual departments reacted to a financial management initiative (FMI) launched in May 1982 by the Prime Minister, whose underlying aim was to encourage a more managerial approach to government business.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher's efficiency drive was intended to improve the allocation, management and control of resources throughout central government.

Thirty-one government departments were required to review their systems of management responsibility, financial accountability and control.

They all ended up changing their practices or introducing new systems.

Sir Gordon looked specifically to see if the Whitehall shake-up would help Civil Service managers to secure better value for money.

"My broad conclusions are that real progress is being made in the development of suitable systems and there are not serious shortcomings in the departments examined," Sir Gordon said.

Individual government departments believe the efficiency initiative had results in greater cost-consciousness.

But Sir Gordon concluded that the new management systems had not been in place long enough for their full effect on gaining value for money to become apparent.

He added: "It is important to continue the work aimed at demonstrating not only that the FMI improves the quality of management but also that this improvement in turn results in better value for money."

Lining up for the annual Whitbread Book of the Year award are the five winners of the different literary categories, from left: Jim Crace, Peter Reading, Andrew Taylor, Richard Mabey, and Kazuo Ishiguro (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Solicitor questioned on £20m funds

A solicitor was questioned at a bankruptcy court yesterday about what had happened to £20 million of clients' money which went through an account he held.

Mr Anthony McGrath, aged 48, of Corcoran Road, Surbiton, Surrey, whose statement of affairs showed liabilities of more than £3 million, said that he found it incredible that he should be asked about the money.

Mr Jaffray Mogg, assistant official receiver, told him at Kingston Bankruptcy court: "From August 1984 to January 1985, sums totalling £20,489,804 went into your clients' account and it ended up with a zero balance".

Mr McGrath, who had practised at Tolworth, Surrey, under the name of Whelton, replied: "I find this question astounding. The money belonged to clients. It came in and went out. If you are suggesting that clients' money has been misapplied I find it incredible."

Mr McGrath claimed his shareholding in a management consultancy was worth more than £1 million but, pressed by Mr George Davey, for the public trustee, he agreed that this depended on a forthcoming contract.

The public examination was adjourned until February 24.

Whitbread Awards

Tales of mystery and imagination contend for prize

By Philip Howard

A novel about those mysteries wrapped in origami enigmas, old and new Japan; a moral allegory-fantasy about a seventh out-of-this-world continent; the biography of the country curate who became England's most famous naturalist; a mystery adventure connected with the miners' strike; and some sharp, sardonic poems about contemporary Britain are the five category winners in the Whitbread Literary Awards.

The authors receive £1,000 each. On 13 January one of the five will be voted the Whitbread Book of the Year, and its author given a further £17,500; which makes the Whitbread Britain's most valuable literary prize.

The five category winners announced yesterday are:

Novel

An Artist of the Floating World, by Kazuo Ishiguro (Faber, £8.95).

The time is 1948, the place Nagasaki. An ageing Japanese painter, famous before the world earthquake, looks back over his life in puzzlement and guilt, and painfully assesses his career that coincided with the rise of Japanese militarism.

Whatever mistakes it may have made in the past, Japan now has a chance to make a better go of things. He can only wish these new and alien young Japanese well. As delicate as a Japanese watercolour, this novel, exposing the roots of a complex culture, was on the short list for the Booker Prize. Ishiguro was born in Nagasaki in 1954, came to England when he was six, was educated at the universities of Canterbury and East Anglia, and writes beautifully and idiosyncratically in English; his Japanese is just about good enough to manage comics. Since his first novel, *A Pale View of Hills*, was given awards and international acclaim, Ishiguro has been one of our brightest young novelists writing in English.

First Novel

Continent, by Jim Crace (Heinemann, £4.95).

In the mythical science-fiction world of the seventh continent, past and present are discontinuous, and custom and progress form a dangerous flux. Seven stories interlock to explore the irreconcilable forces implicit in all cultures: a tribe on heat like dogs; a calligrapher loses his skill; a runner pitched against a horseman; a love story between a young girl and a soldier; a geologist searches for rare minerals. The techniques are bold and modern. The seven narratives combine to form a new world that seems strangely familiar. Jim Crace was born in 1946, and brought up in north London. He read English Literature as an external student at London University, worked in Sudanese educational television, and became a freelance journalist and script-writer. He was awarded a writing bursary by the Arts Council, and was writer in residence at the Midlands Arts Centre.

Biography

Gilbert White, A Biography of the Author of *The Natural History of Selborne*, by Richard Mabey (Century, £14.95).

The language of birds is very ancient, and, like other ancient modes of speech, very elliptical: little is said, but much is meant and understood. Gilbert White's account of the intimate life of the birds and other wildlife around his parish 200 years ago is one of the best loved nature books ever written.

Both scientist and poet, and an intellectual in touch with the philosophical and cultural issues of his age, White determined to write a new kind of book. He gave up the chance of a prosperous living and marriage, and devoted 18 years to producing his masterpiece, which became a turning-point in our view of nature.

This first comprehensive biography for 80 years deploys much unpublished correspondence and archive material to describe the natural history of an enigmatic man.

Richard Mabey read PPE at Oxford, taught liberal studies at a college of further education, worked as an editor in publishing, and is now a full-time writer and broadcaster on country matters.

Children's novel

The Coal House, by Andrew Taylor (Collins, £5.95).

Alison is 13. Her mother has just died. Her dad has bought a house in the North, 300 miles away from the world she knows. She is full of resentment, and determined to hate the rambling old Coal House, home of the Victorian pit owner. In the overgrown garden she meets Tommy, cheerfully trespassing, and begins to discover clues about the past owners of the house, and the tragedy in their lives.

Through her new friend, Tommy, she comes to identify with the local miners on strike, and becomes involved in their struggle. But there is another interloper lurking around the Coal House.

Alison and her father discover in their separate ways the secret of the stalker in the woods. Andrew Taylor was born in Scotland, but now lives in the Durham countryside. He is a marketing consultant, and has written several stage and television plays. This is his first novel for children.

Poetry

Stet, by Peter Reading (Secker & Warburg, £5.95).

Harsh, violent verses come to terms with life in contemporary Britain in the front line. They are clever, witty, inventive, slangy, funny, and serious.

As the poet says in one of them: "Muse! sing the Grotty (scant alternative)". He says of his poetry: "Art has always struck me most when it was to do with coping with things, hard things, things that are difficult to take.

If you want art to be like Ovaltine, then clearly some artists are not for you." Ovaltine he is not, but vodka, meths, and occasionally strychnine.

Peter Reading was born in 1946, and trained as a painter at Liverpool College of Art. After a spell as a teacher, he returned to Liverpool to lecture in the Department of Art History. He was given the Cholmondeley Award in 1978, and the Dylan Thomas Award in 1983.

He lives in Shropshire, and has had various jobs there including working in an animal-feed mill.

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Novels: *Gabriel's Lament*, by Paul Bailey; *Contre-Jour*, by Gabriel Josipovici; *The Shrapnel Academy*, by Fay Weldon.

First novels: *The Song of the Forest*, by Colin Mackay; *Seeing Things*, by Frances Thomas.

Biography: *G.K. Chesteron*, by Michael Ffinch; *Road to Victory: Winston S. Churchill 1941-1945*, by Martin Gilbert; *the Lamberts*, by Andrew Motion.

Children's novel: *Isaac Campion*, by Janni Howker; *Return of the Indian*, by Lynne Reid Banks; *Howl's Moving Castle*, by Diana Wynne Jones.

Poetry: *Terra*, by Ken Smith.

Woman says her sons are not racist

A woman who could lose her London council flat because her two sons allegedly abused their Bengali neighbours denied yesterday that her family were racists.

Mrs Maria Hawkins told Clerkenwell County Court that both her sons had gone to schools that had mixed racial groups and had "many ethnic friends".

Camden council is seeking to repossess Mrs Hawkins's three-bedroom flat in the Blemendsbury tower block, Dombey Street, on the Tybald Close estate in Holborn, central London, under the Housing Act 1980.

It is alleged that Frank Hawkins, aged 17, and his brother, Charles, aged 26, carried out a five-year campaign of racial harassment against Mr Abdul Ali and his wife and six children.

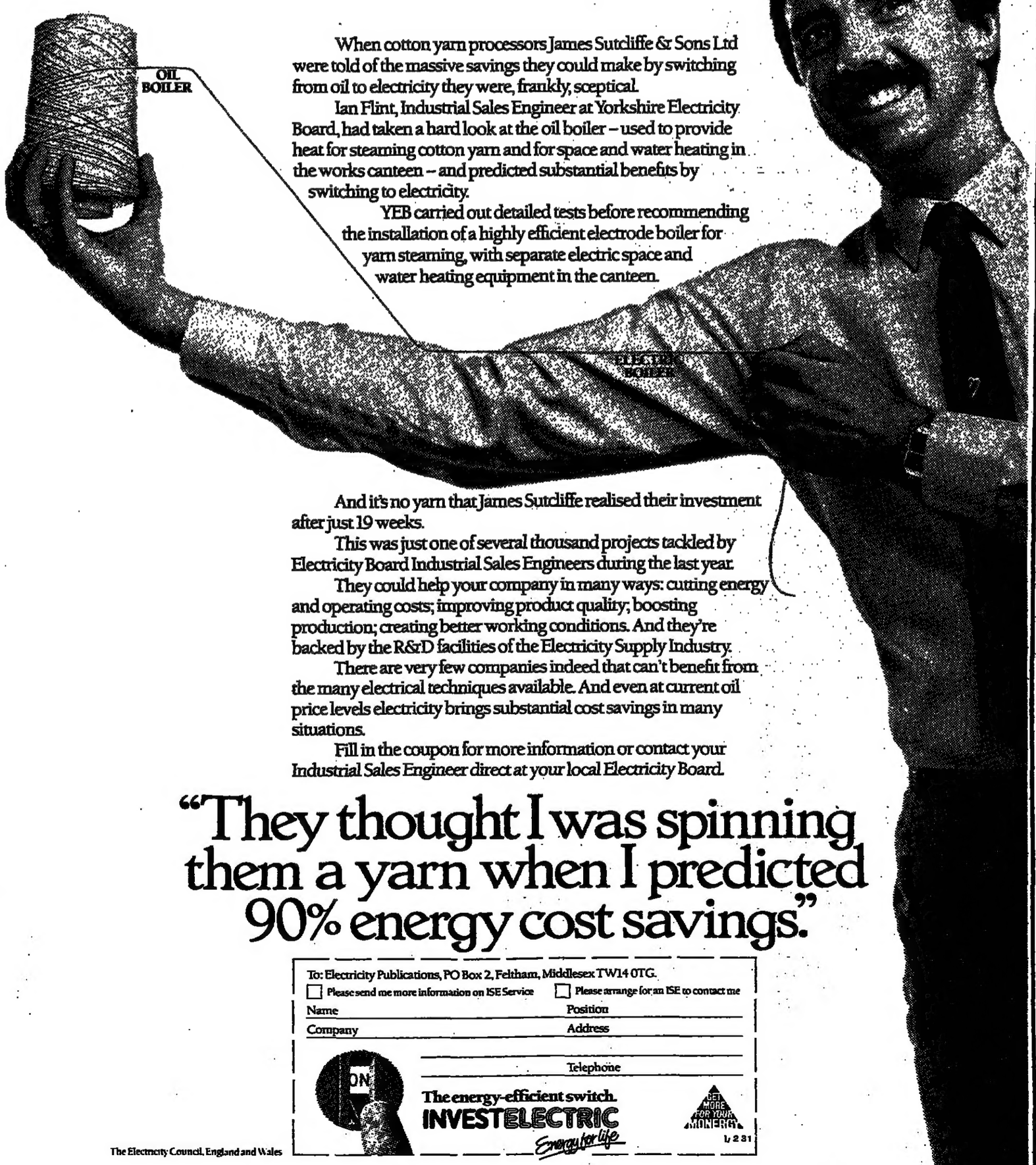
Frank Hawkins is also accused of punching one of Mr Ali's sons and smashing windows at their flat with a bench.

Although Mrs Hawkins is not accused of racial harassment herself, Camden wants to evict her because it claims that as the tenancy holder she is responsible for the behaviour of people living in the flat.

The brothers have been summoned for causing "nuisance and annoyance" to the Ali family by racial harassment.

Mrs Hawkins faces two summonses for £138 rent and heating arrears and defying an earlier court order banning her mongrel dog from the estate.

The case continues.



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COMMENTARY

Geoffrey Smith

What has struck me immediately on this visit to the United States is the remarkable spirit of American optimism about disarmament that has followed Reykjavik. A near international catastrophe has been transformed into something close to a domestic political triumph.

This has been achieved partly by a calculated propaganda exercise on the part of the Administration and also by President Reagan's extraordinary capacity to make his countrymen share his own sunny view of the world.

This sense of optimism will now be put to an initial test with the first high-level meeting between Soviet and American leaders since the summit when Mr George Shultz and Mr Eduard Shevardnadze come together today in Vienna.

The American intention is that this should be an occasion not so much for fresh negotiation as for clarifying and refining the disagreements that emerged in Reykjavik. This is certainly necessary.

The summit was characterized both by a failure to refine the issues before the two sides got there and by the confusion after they left as to what had or had not been tentatively agreed before the breakdown.

There appear now to be four principle differences between them. The United States is speaking of eliminating all offensive ballistic missiles at the end of 10 years, while the Soviets want to get rid of all strategic arms.

No agreement on limitations

Then they do not agree as to what limitations there should be within that period on research, development and testing of the Strategic Defence Initiative. Soviet diplomats appear to have been suggesting that their definition of laboratory testing might not be too restrictive. But that would not get round the American objection that they must be allowed to test a defencive space system in space.

The third disagreement is that the United States wants the right to deploy SDI after 10 years, while the Soviet Union maintains that there should then be further negotiation on any possible deployment.

Finally, there are conflicting views as to what should be done about the smaller intermediate range missiles that the Soviet Union has in eastern Europe.

The United States argues that if the larger intermediate missiles – the Cruise, Pershings and SS20s – were all removed from Europe then there should be a freeze on Soviet deployment of the smaller missiles, with the Americans having the right to match them. The Soviet Union would like to have simply a freeze at current levels, which would confirm their present advantage.

Even if agreement cannot be reached on any of these points, it would be sensible for both sides to be absolutely clear on where they differ. That is a more methodical procedure for negotiations and more likely to yield a lasting settlement in the long run.

But there are in fact two reason for hoping that the discussions in Vienna do not get beyond the task of clarification. Mr Shultz has emerged as the principal enthusiast within the Administration for pressing on from the Reykjavik base camp to a comprehensive settlement. If he were given his head in Vienna he might rush to ill-considered positions which would not be in the best interest of the Western Alliance.

The other reason for pausing at this stage is that a period of reflection is needed in Washington on the implications of Reykjavik. There are some signs of second thoughts beginning to emerge on the wisdom of talking about a non-nuclear world or of negotiating away all ballistic missiles and all Euro missiles.

The Administration is not all of one mind on these questions and a process of reassessment may become easier now that the mid-term elections are over.

It is very much in the interest of the European allies that this should take place because there is a real risk of the United States undermining confidence in its commitment to Europe almost unawares as it pursues such objectives as the elimination of ballistic missiles which are beyond its grasp anyway.

Howe call unheeded

Shevardnadze ends hope of separate accord on missiles

From Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent, Vienna

Any hope of an agreement to remove Soviet SS 20 and American cruise and Pershing 2 missiles from Europe without waiting for a comprehensive East-West disarmament accord was dispelled yesterday.

Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, told Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, that the Soviet Union was prepared to accept nothing less than an overall agreement on nuclear weapons.

A meeting before the opening of the third follow-up to the European Conference on Security and Co-operation revealed no softening of the stand made by the Russians at last month's Reykjavik summit.

The Soviet demand that the US should agree not to test laser weapons in space as part of an overall nuclear agreement remained firm. Sir Geoffrey's calls for early progress to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear weapons (INF) and short-range missiles went unheeded.

"I told Mr Shevardnaze that it was illogical and a retrograde step to make such an agreement conditional on an understanding on SDI (the American Strategic Defence Initiative)," said Sir Geoffrey.

Mr Shevardnadze indicated that the Soviet Union now required that any package should cover progress on strategic weapons, intermediate missiles and a longer period of non-withdrawal from the 1972 ABM (Anti-Ballistic Missile) Treaty.

Sir Geoffrey responded with two British Government linkages. Any agreement to eliminate INF missiles from Europe should also cover short-range nuclear missiles, and any overall nuclear agreements should be accompanied by comparable progress on troop reductions.

"The Russians say they are ready to scrap all nuclear weapons within 10 years," the Foreign Secretary said at a press conference later.

"If they are sincere – and there are many who remain to be convinced – no one in Western Europe can view that prospect as satisfactory while the continent lies under the shadow of the Soviet Union's superiority in conventional and chemical weapons."

He told Mr Shevardnadze that the Soviets would have to be more forthcoming with information on troop levels if progress were to be made on the ambitious troop cuts proposed by the Warsaw Pact in June.

Sir Geoffrey took Mr Shevardnadze to task for having effectively sided with the Syrians when Britain broke relations over the involvement of their ambassador and secret service in a plot to destroy an El-Al airliner. He said he would be looking for a "more constructive Soviet approach" on this issue.

However, Mr Shevardnadze welcomed a British initiative for Anglo-Soviet talks on terrorism. Experts from the two countries are expected to meet by the end of the year.

"Our aim was to find out whether there is scope for co-operation between the two countries on this," said Sir Geoffrey.

A Soviet expert yesterday called on the West to respond to the "Budapest appeal" in which the Warsaw Pact called for each side to withdraw 500,000 troops by the 1990s.

Mr Oleg Grinewski, head of the Soviet delegation at the Stockholm talks on advanced notice of military exercises which ended in September, said: "It is time they presented a programme for disarmament in Vienna. Further foot-dragging would not be in the interests of the world."

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, meeting in Vienna yesterday.

Israel PM silent on Vanunu

From Ian Murray
Jerusalem

The Prime Minister of Israel, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, made his first public comment yesterday about the disappearance of Mr Mordechai Vanunu, the nuclear technician who told *The Sunday Times* Israel had developed a nuclear arsenal.

Mr Shamir tersely told a radio reporter that Israel was not under any pressure to say anything on the subject. The Government, he said, would do so only when it deemed it appropriate and it would continue to do its duty by its citizens. He would say nothing else.

Rome orders Aids tests in prisons

From Peter Nichols, Rome

The Italian Government has ordered that all consenting prisoners be tested to see if they are carrying the Aids virus. This is one of the steps being taken to deal with the release of an estimated 12,000 convicts before the year is out.

The exodus is due to more liberal prison regulations now coming into effect and to a projected amnesty due to be approved by Christmas. The first releases under the new regulations took place at the weekend and have now reached 250. It is estimated that as many as 5,000 prisoners may benefit.

The object of the prison reform is to concentrate on re-education. In principle, the prisoner who proves by his conduct that he is intent on self-improvement will be able to ask for remission of his sentence of up to 45 days for every six months served. He could also ask for an annual "holiday" of up to 45 days a year, to be taken in fortnightly periods

A prisoner sentenced to life imprisonment will now be able to take some holiday after the first 10 years so long as he behaves well, has good relations with other prisoners and co-operates in the work of re-education. After another 10 years he will need only to sleep inside the prison. And finally he could expect to be granted an early release.

The problem involving the threat of a further spread of Aids is raised by the fact that legislation cannot be passed in time before the exodus takes place to make medical tests obligatory. At the moment the only one which can be imposed by law is the Wasserman test for syphilis.

WORLD SUMMARY

US setback on abortion curbs

Washington – The Supreme Court has severely set back nationwide efforts to restrict abortion by ruling that states cannot cut off public funds to private family planning and pregnancy counselling organizations that also offer abortions (Christopher Thomas writes).

The court, voting five to three, said in the majority decision that Arizona acted improperly when it barred state family planning funds for groups providing abortions or abortion counselling.

Mugabe insult

Harare – A woman from Zimbabwe's Ndebele minority tribe has been jailed for six months without the option of a fine for saying that she wished the Prime Minister, Mr Robert Mugabe, had been killed with Mozambique's President Machel in the October 19 air crash in northern South Africa (Michael Hartnack writes).

Attack on Aids

Washington – The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has made new recommendations for further reducing the risk of Aids transmission through the blood supply, and has expanded the list of those who should not donate blood to include prostitutes and their recent heterosexual customers (Mohsin Ali writes).

Alfonsín appeal

Buenos Aires (Reuter) – President Alfonsín of Argentina has asked President Reagan to support his protest against Britain's establishment of a fishing zone around the disputed Falkland Islands, a government statement said.

Señor Alfonsín made a 10-minute telephone call to Mr Reagan in California and asked for his "understanding and support".

Buses boycott

Johannesburg – Buses running between here and Soweto were boycotted for the second successive day in protest against a 17.5 per cent fares increase (Michael Hornsby writes).

One bus driver suffered eye injuries and concussion when his vehicle was attacked by a stone-throwing mob in Soweto.

Scheme for Suez

Cairo (AFP) – The Suez Canal Authority may adapt the waterway for two-way working, the authority's president, Mr Ezzat Adel, told a conference marking the 30th anniversary of its nationalization.

Egyptian labour and equipment would be used, he said, but he gave no starting date.

Mozambique unrest

Frelimo youth sack Malawi Embassy

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Angry youths sacked the Malawi Embassy and threw stones and rotten tomatoes at the offices of the South African Trade Mission in Maputo yesterday.

News of the demonstrations came as President Botha sent a message to President Joaquim Chissano of Mozambique, congratulating him on his election on Monday.

Pretoria claims that Mozambique is allowing guerrillas of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) to use its territory as a sanctuary, and Maputo maintains that South Africa is continuing to support Renamo insurgents inside Mozambique.

Yesterday's trouble started with a march by members of the youth organisation of Frelimo, Mozambique's sole political party. The intention had been to deliver a protest note to the South African and Malawi representatives, but part of the crowd turned violent and some stoned the South African Trade Mission, breaking several windows.

A larger group of demonstrators ransacked the Malawi Embassy, dragging furniture and piles of documents into the street and setting them alight. The Malawi flag was also torn down and thrown on the bonfire.

Slogans reading "Samora lives" and "Banda is a murderer" were daubed on the walls of the Embassy. The demonstrators also carried placards calling for an explanation of the October 19 air crash, which Mozambique newspapers have accused South Africa of being responsible for.

President Banda of Malawi, the southern tip of which thrusts deeply into central Mozambique, has been accused by Maputo of allowing Renamo insurgents to operate from his territory. Shortly before he died, President Machel threatened to instal missiles along the border with Malawi.

On October 21, young demonstrators in Harare, the Zimbabwe capital, stoned the Malawi High Commission and set fire to the offices of Air Malawi. They also attacked the South African Trade Mission, set fire to the South African Airways offices and threw stones at the American Embassy.

Mr Carlos Cardoso, the director of AIM, the semi-official Mozambique news agency, told *The Times* yesterday that Mr Sergio Vieira, the Minister of Security, went to the Malawi Embassy and persuaded the youths to disperse, telling them that this was not how President Machel would have wanted them to express their anger.

The South African Foreign Minister, Mr R. F. "Pik" Botha, announced yesterday that Pretoria had decided to call for the inclusion of international experts in the panel investigating the air crash in which Mr Machel died.

● HARARE: The Zimbabwe House of Assembly is to be asked to pass a resolution today pledging full support for President Chissano of Mozambique in his civil war with right-wing Mozambique Resistance Movement.

Oslo sends minister on pollution mission

From Tony Samstag, Oslo

Mrs Sissel Roenbeck, the Norwegian Minister for the Environment, today begins a two-day visit to Britain armed with a list of issues long enough to strain the eyesight, if not the patience, of her hosts.

She will, of course, be reiterating Oslo's demands that Britain join the 30 Per Cent Club of nations committed to reducing sulphur emissions from power stations – emissions that are thought to have poisoned thousands of Scandinavian lakes and rivers.

Hopes that Mrs Thatcher would commit Britain to such an endeavour when she visited Oslo in September were dashed amid fierce anti-British rioting there.

Mrs Roenbeck – who shortly after taking office in May fired two of the most strongly worded messages Britain has ever received from Oslo on the issue of acid rain and proposals for a nuclear waste reprocessing plant at Dounreay – is expected to tell Mr William Waldegrave, her British counterpart, and Lord Marshall, head of the Central Electricity Generating Board, that concern over both issues has grown.

Recent studies show a strong link between levels of aluminium in drinking water and rates of pre-senility and senility (including Alzheimer's disease) in populations living within the "acid rain belt" of southern Norway.

"I'm only 35 and I'm worried," Mrs Roenbeck told *The Times*. "It really makes us anxious."

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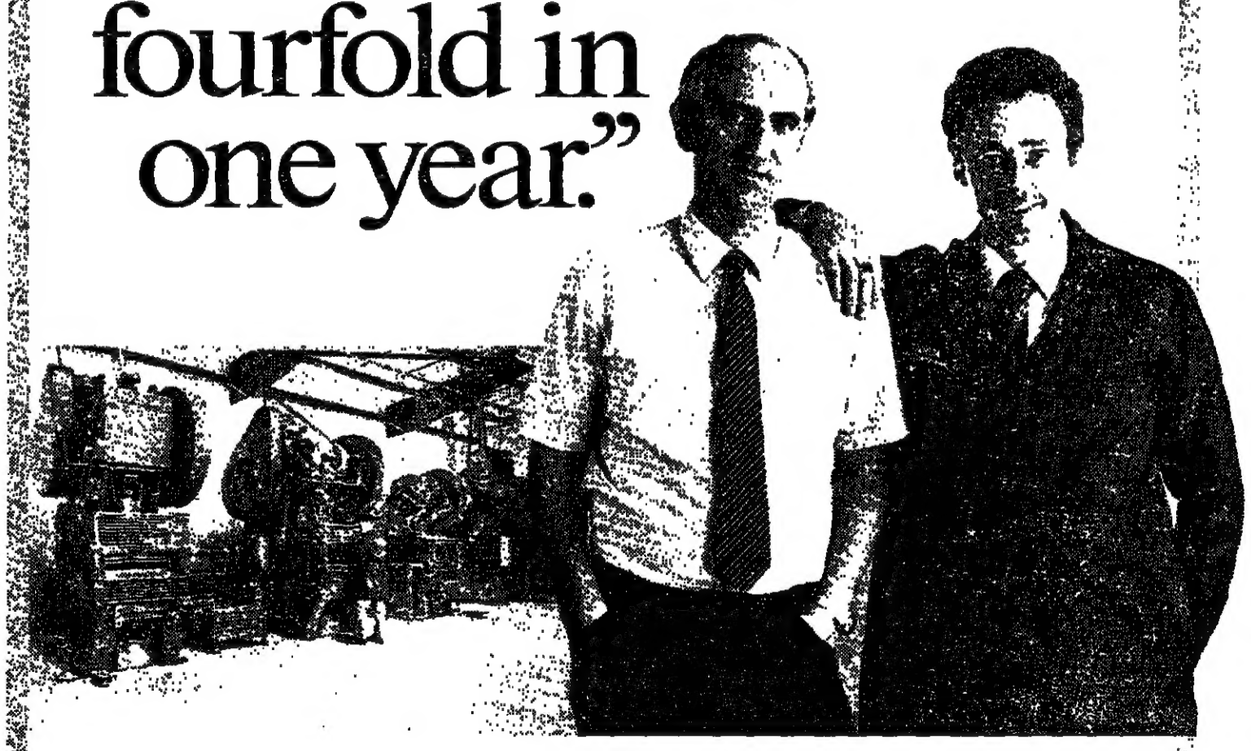

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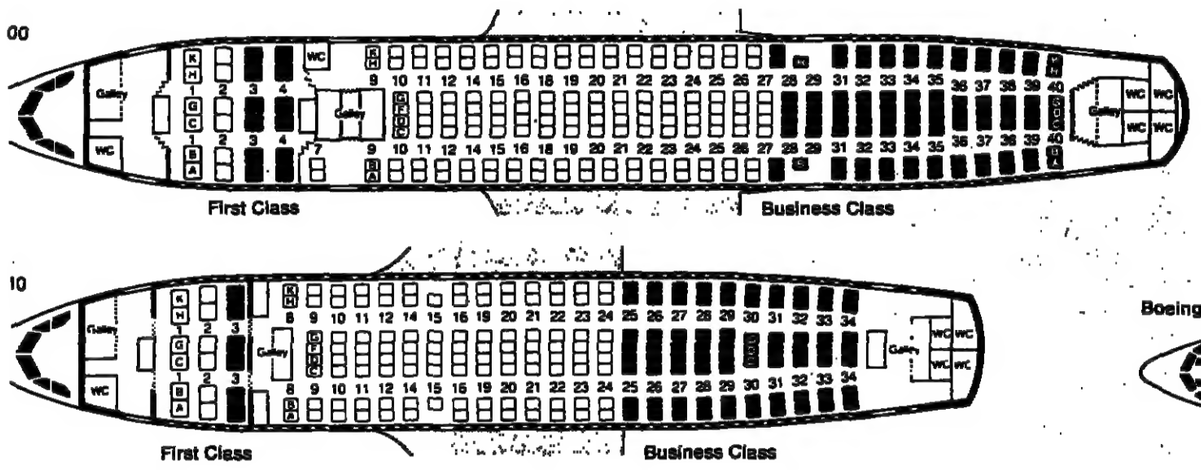

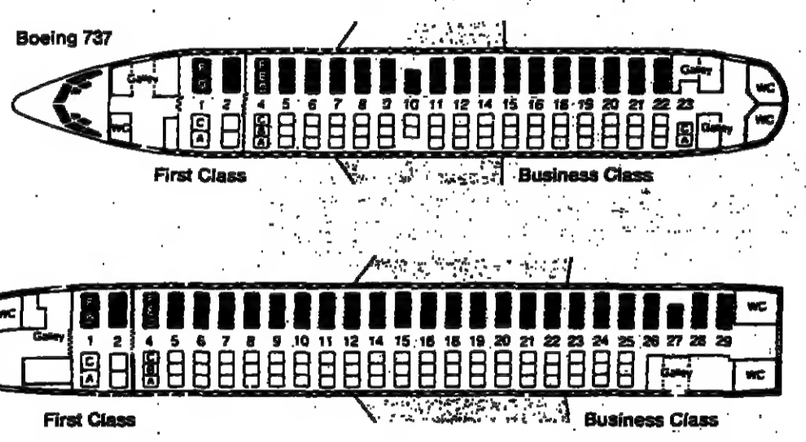

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Lawyers will not dispute facts on plane shot down in Nicaragua

Defence says surviving airman had minor part in Contra arms lift

From Alan Tomlinson, Managua

Lawyers representing Mr Eugene Hasenfus, the American airman charged with terrorism in Nicaragua, said they would not dispute the facts of the case against him.

Mr Griffin Bell, a former US Attorney-General who is advising Nicaraguan lawyers on the American's behalf, said the defence would not challenge the fact that Mr Hasenfus had been running guns to the American-backed Contras when his plane was shot down on October 5.

"The main thing that you could say on his behalf is that he was not very high in the operation," said Mr Bell. "He is a little man and I would hope that the Sandinista Government would be kind to little people."

The defence would offer only mitigating evidence designed to prove that Mr Hasenfus had no political motive for his action and had simply been working for wages. Mr Bell hoped that the Nicaraguan Government would be merciful.

The American faces up to 30 years in prison on charges of terrorism, violating national security and taking part in an illicit association with CIA agents.

The defence says Mr Hasenfus is simply an employee of a legally-constituted aviation company who had no direct knowledge of any CIA involvement in the Contra supply operation.

The prosecution has alleged that the company, Corporate Air Services of Pennsylvania, is a front for a CIA undercover operation aimed at overthrowing the Nicaraguan Government and that Mr Hasenfus knew this.

A Nicaraguan aviation expert, Señor Hugo Mendieta, told the Revolutionary People's Tribunal, which is hearing the case, that flight logs recovered from the ill-fated cargo plane showed that it had changed its registration number four times and had been flying with no number at all when it was shot down.

Mr Bell said on Monday that he would present pay cheques from Corporate Air Services and affidavits from Mr Hasenfus and his wife, Sally, in an effort to demonstrate that Mr Hasenfus was not a CIA conspirator.

"I do not think he was a terrorist in the sense of terrorism as we know it," Mr Bell said. "He was not in a group going round blowing up buildings in London or Paris, or here either. He was helping the Contras by what he was doing. Now I thought the Contras were a revolutionary movement trying to overthrow the Government of Nicaragua. I did not know they were terrorists."

The former Attorney-General declined to offer an opinion as to what Mr Hasenfus might have been charged with in the United States had he been caught delivering guns to a group trying to overthrow the US Government.

Mr Eugene Hasenfus, the lone survivor of the cargo plane shot down over Nicaragua last month, looking downcast as he surveys arms allegedly recovered from the crashed plane.

UN tells Reagan to end rebel aid

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

The United States stood in near isolation over its Central America policy as the United Nations General Assembly adopted a measure urging the Reagan Administration to abandon its support of the Nicaraguan Contra rebels in keeping with a June directive issued by the World Court.

Despite intense American lobbying, half of its Nato allies broke with the US in the voting, in what was seen as a sign of growing concern that the stage is being set for a possible military confrontation following the Reagan Administration's decision to introduce advanced fighter planes into Central America in an attempt to modernize the Honduran Air Force.

The other half of the alliance, including Britain, abstained during the voting which saw 94 countries put their weight behind Nicaragua with only Israel and El Salvador coming out unequivocally on the side of the US.

The outcome proved that Nicaragua can still count on Western support, however lukewarm, to shield it diplomatically from the US.

But the Western Allies made clear that they were deeply disillusioned with the way the Sandinista Government conducts itself and they indicated that unless Nicaragua takes steps to restore democracy and to end a policy of interference in the affairs of its neighbours, it risks a diplomatic fall from grace.

Canada, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, which were among those voting for the Nicaraguan-inspired draft, said that the Sandinistas were partly to blame for the escalating tension in the region.

The vote in the Assembly followed an American veto in the Security Council last week on an almost identical resolution.

Señor Miguel D'Escoto Brockman, the Nicaraguan Foreign Minister, accused the Reagan Administration of pressurizing and blackmailing those governments in the region that disapproved of US policy but now had no other choice.

It was imperative that the judgement handed down by the International Court of Justice be followed in letter and spirit, he said, adding that the American arguments and actions against the jurisdiction of the Court were a travesty of justice.

Mr Herbert Okun, the American delegate, said that the resolution totally ignored the situation in Central America.

"It was a totally unacceptable portrayal of the reality of Central America," he said, claiming that Nicaragua's attempt at subversion in the region could not be met by the Administration with benign neglect.

Central America braces itself for build-up of war

From Martha Honey, San José, Costa Rica

The University of Costa Rica's respected weekly *Diplomatic and Military Sources* says in a two-page report that plans are set for a US invasion of Nicaragua; only the date is uncertain.

With the arrival this week of the first US shipments of military supplies under a new $100 million (£70.9 million) Contra aid package, Central America's five pro-Western countries are braced for a sharp build-up in the Nicaraguan conflict which could, many here say, culminate in a direct US invasion.

Over the past months, leaders of Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala and Panama have, to varying degrees, made known their uneasiness about the impact of the Contra aid package and the official restoration of day-to-day CIA management of the five-year-old war against the leftist Sandinista Government.

They won a small victory by convincing the Reagan Administration to train several hundred Contra officers inside "the continental United States" and not in Central America as had been planned.

Several weeks ago, a furore erupted when a Panamanian legislator announced, apparently incorrectly, that clandestine training of Contra troops was already underway at the US Southern Command outside Panama City.

The US allies in Central America all face rising public fears that the widening Contra war will embroil the entire region.

In El Salvador, where the Government contends it does not provide support to the Contras, relations with the US have been strained after revelations by the captured US airman Eugene Hasenfus.

He said he was an adviser to the Salvadorean military and was part of an elaborate Contra supply network operating secretly out of a Salvadorean military airfield.

In Tegucigalpa, several hundred coffee growers chanting "Yankee garbage leave Honduras", demonstrated outside the National Assembly last week to demand the expulsion of Contra and US military forces.

They presented a petition claiming that 17,000 Contras from the Nicaraguan Democratic Force (FDN), the largest Contra army which operates out of Honduras, have annexed a portion of the border region there and established a "new Nicaragua".

The official response was that "not one square inch" of territory will be used by the Contras, but the Government has not taken concrete steps to expel them. Contra leaders say they plan to expand FDN forces to 20,000 over the coming months.

In addition, US and Honduran military sources say that several Honduran islands will be used for storing and shipping the Contra supplies and as staging areas for airborne attacks against Nicaraguan Pacific coast targets.

In contrast with Honduras, the Costa Rican Government has arrested and expelled armed Contras, seized caches of arms, tried captured mercenaries, and closed clandestine rebel airstrips and hospitals.

But Contra officials say "top priority" will be given to expanding their "southern front", which operates along the Costa Rican-Nicaraguan border.

All these pro-Western countries walk a tightrope, not wanting to antagonize the US which is their greatest source of economic and military assistance. "We can stand up to the Reagan Administration only so long as they don't start cutting our aid package," said one high-ranking Costa Rican official.

Leaders of these five countries say they prefer a negotiated settlement to a wider war in Nicaragua. The Guatemalan Foreign Minister, Señor Mario Quinonez, recently visited the other countries in an effort to revive the stalemated Contadora peace talks by which Latin American countries have sought agreement on a written accord to end the Nicaraguan war.

But his tour was overshadowed by the successive visits of the US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, and Assistant Secretaries of State, Mr Elliott Abrams and Mr Michael Armacost.

They are said to have promised their worried allies increased assistance in return for co-operation with the Contra cause. This includes $300 million in aid to the Central American "democracies", emergency assistance to help El Salvador recover from its earthquake, and the sale, for the first time, of F 5E jet fighters to Honduras.

Nicaragua has responded to the new Contra aid by, Pentagon officials say, doubling its inventory of Soviet-supplied aircraft including acquisition of six more Mi 25 helicopter gunships. An 30 reconnaissance aircraft, more than a dozen Mi 17 troop transport helicopters, and new cargo planes.

First Lady's maid is cleared in arms case

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

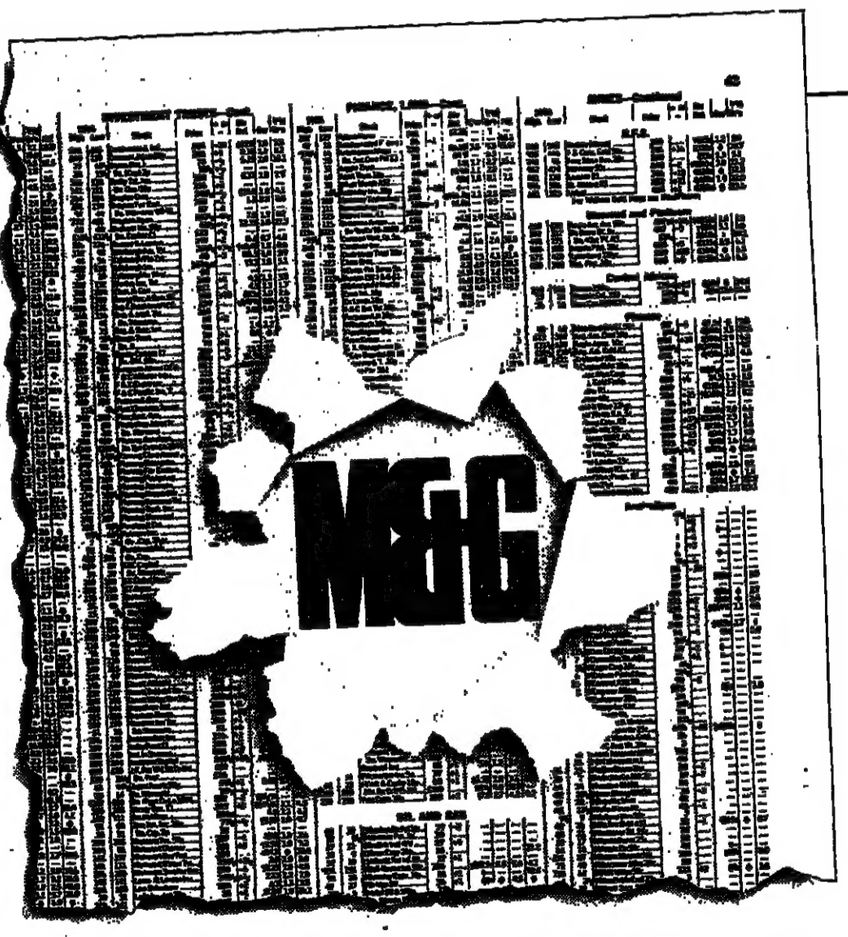
Mrs Nancy Reagan's White House maid, Mrs Anita Castelo, has been cleared of involvement in an alleged scheme to smuggle small-arms ammunition to Paraguay.

A federal prosecutor recommended at a court in Richmond, Virginia, on Monday that the charges against her be dismissed, because there was no criminal intent. The judge did so.

Mrs Reagan was said to be happy that Mrs Castelo, aged 45, was found innocent and she was welcome to return to her old job as personal maid and wardrobe assistant.

An attorney, Mr Henry Hudson, told the judge that new information from two Paraguan nationals indicted with Mrs Castelo had convinced him the White House employee had been an "unwitting participant" in the ammunition purchase.

The two men who were to stand trial with Mrs Castelo, a freighter captain, Julio Cesar Baez-Acosta, and a Richmond resident, Eugenio Silva, pleaded guilty on Monday to one count of attempting to export ammunition without a licence. They face sentencing in early December.



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Sectarian riot deaths in Sind prompt calls for Junejo resignation

From Hasan Akhtar, Islamabad

Opposition leaders in Pakistan are demanding the resignation of the Prime Minister, Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo, and his Government over disturbances in Sind, which have left at least 30 people dead.

Although Mr Junejo alleges "a foreign hand" behind the unrest, the Opposition blames the Government for failing to maintain calm in the country.

The Prime Minister did not not identify which "foreign hand" he was referring to, but a right-wing member of the upper house of the Pakistan parliament, Mr Qazi Husain Ahmad, alleged that 20 Indian soldiers had been arrested recently in Sind.

However, a Pakistan Foreign Office spokesman denied any knowledge of Indian involvement in the troubles.

Several opposition leaders of liberal or left-wing leanings, allege that Government agents were behind the sectarian riots in Quetta, Hyderabad and Karachi.

They accuse the Government of conducting a policy to further curb political opposition, with an ultimate aim of imposing an authoritarian rule, so that Islamabad could "pursue its close military and political associations with the United States on the pretext of the Afghanistan crisis".

The present spate of riots and disturbances are possibly the worst in Pakistan since the anti-Government disturbances in 1977, which ended in the military overthrow of the late Prime Minister, Mr Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

Mr Junejo, who became Prime Minister early in 1985, after eight-and-a-half years of martial law, now faces the biggest challenge to his authority in his 20-month-old rule.

In addition to opposition censure over the Government's handling of the distubances, his own ruling parliamentary party is showing signs of splits both at central Government level and out in the provinces.

Last week Mr Junejo sacked his Commerce Minister, Mr Mohyddin Baluch, whom he held responsible for alleged corruption relating to cotton exports in the Export Promotion Bureau. He also replaced the Attorney-General.

Mr Baluch, however, refused to quit the Government and has asked President Zia ul-Haq to intercede on his behalf with Mr Junejo.

Clash toll in cities rises to 43

Karachi (Reuter) — At least 43 people have been killed in four days of rioting by rival ethnic groups in the Pakistani cities of Karachi and Hyderabad, hospital doctors said yesterday.

Police said they had reports of at least five bomb blasts in Karachi since rioting broke out last Friday. The unrest has crumbled on despite a curfew over most of the two cities enforced by troops.

Mohajirs, who make up almost one-third of the population of Karachi, have been campaigning for an end to what they say are discriminatory employment policies favouring other communities, especially the Punjabis and the Pathans.

The riots began when a Mohajir procession passed through a predominantly Pathan area on the outskirts of Karachi on the way to a rally in Hyderabad, 110 miles to the east.

Mr Jimmy Carter, the former American President, and his wife Rosalynn at the Khyber Pass in Pakistan yesterday.

US Navy returns to Chinese waters

From Robert Grieves
Peking

Three ships from the US Navy's Pacific Fleet will tie up at the east coast port of Qingdao today, the first time since 1949 that American warships have plied China's coastal waters.

The American Ambassador, Mr Winston Lord, Admiral James Lyons, the Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet and 20 other American officials will be on hand for the goodwill visit.

The visiting ships are USS Reeves, a Leahy-class guided-missile cruiser, USS Oldendorf, a Spruance-class destroyer, and USS Rentz, an Oliver-Hazard-Perry-class guided-missile frigate.

US officials have said that negotiations for the six-day visit were smoothed earlier this year by the visit of three Royal Navy warships to Shanghai. Last year an American Navy port call at Shanghai was postponed when a controversy arose over whether the ships were carrying nuclear weapons.

But the Chinese find it in their interests to be able to look over American and British naval hardware, particularly since they are anxious to build up their own Navy, which is the least developed of the People's Liberation Army services.

Sydney judge hears ex-spy's demand for MI5 documents

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

The British Government was handling its attempt to suppress a manuscript on MI5 operations like a card player who reshuffles the pack time and again in an attempt to produce a winning hand, the New South Wales Supreme Court was told yesterday.

It was puzzling why the Government had sought an injunction in the first place against the memoirs of Mr Peter Wright, a former MI5 mole-hunter, when it had allowed publication of books by Chapman Pincher and Nigel West which covered similar ground, Mr Malcolm Turnbull, counsel for Mr Wright and the Australian Heinemann Publishing Company, said.

Mr Turnbull was arguing before Mr Justice Powell that the Government should disclose documents relating to matters raised by the case, or alternatively have its pending application for an injunction dismissed.

The Government, in issuing a reply yesterday to the application, argued in a written submission which was not made public that most of the requested documents should not be made available.

Hearing of the injunction case is scheduled to start on November 17. Yesterday's proceedings were a continuation of legal manouevrings and arguments

Mr Wright was the mole-hunter who interrogated Sir Roger Hollis, the former head of MI5, when he was under suspicion. He has gone on record as saying that Sir Roger was a Soviet agent.

Through counsel, Mr Wright has requested briefings and other documents relating to Mrs Thatcher's statement to the Commons in 1981 that Sir Roger was not a traitor.

Mr Turnbull said yesterday he also sought documents concerning the publication of a Nigel West book, *A Matter of Trust, MI5 1945-72*, which he said had effectively been written by former officers of MI5, and books by Chapman Pincher.

If the Government was saying that former MI5 officers could not publish books, irrespective of whether their contents were already in the public domain or not, it was relevant for the defendants to know the circumstances in which other books had been allowed to go ahead, he said.

Much of yesterday's proceedings was taken up by legal debate and submissions, prompting Mr Justice Powell to remark: "It's like the maze at Hampton Court." The hearing continues today.

India protests over Karachi Awacs

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

The winter session of the Indian Parliament opened yesterday with a storm of protests from members of the Upper House against the US decision to supply Awacs surveillance planes to neighbouring Pakistan.

The new Minister of State for External Affairs, Mr K. Natwar Singh, defending his Ministry for the first time as a politician — though he was previously a prominent diplomat — said that India does not "intend to sit quietly" while Pakistan is given an additional technical superiority.

He said India's ambassador had been given instructions to express at the highest levels this country's concern in the strongest possible terms".

But this did not satisfy members. Mr Suresh Kalmadi said: "The Government reply, I am sorry to say, is very very mild." He added that unless they could do better, it would mark a "total failure of Indian diplomacy".

Despite a recent declaration that relations with America are improving, the Minister agreed that the equipping of Pakistan with Awacs would mean that "inevitably it will have an adverse effect on our relations with the United States".

Other members insisted that if Pakistan allowed US servicemen to fly Awacs patrols over its territory it would forfeit its non-aligned status and should quit the non-aligned movement.

While the discussion continued, news arrived of a meeting in Washington between Mr P. K. Kaul, the Indian Ambassador to the United States, and Mr Casper Weinberger, the US Secretary for Defence.

Mr Weinberger had said that the US was convinced Pakistan required an airborne early warning and control system to defend its border against Afghan intrusions: it did not imply any threat to India.

In the Lower House, the storm, when it occurred, was on a different topic — the failure of the Prime Minister's security which resulted in an attempt on his life at Rajghat early in October.

The opposition members forced an adjournment debate on the subject, and members drew attention to "serious lapses" which took place then.

Mr Buta Singh, the Home Minister, admitted that the lapses were serious, but declined to give details of a fail-safe security system now being provided.

Aquino 'on right track'

Cardinal backs Manila talks with Communists

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Cardinal Jaime Sin, the Philippines' most influential church leader, yesterday said that President Aquino was "on the right track" in negotiating a peaceful end to the 17-year-long communist insurgency.

His endorsement came as a civilian-military panel refined the Government's response to the rebels' 100-day ceasefire offer. A key member of the government negotiating panel said he was optimistic of a nationwide truce by the end of the year.

Cardinal Sin during his press conference yesterday

"Yes, I'm optimistic . . . we will have a ceasefire, that's my feeling," Mr Ramon Mitra said late on Monday after a long National Security Council meeting in which Mrs Aquino described the unprecedented rebel peace offer as a "step forward".

Government negotiators at a secret meeting "somewhere in Manila" today will present the Government's official response to the rebel's offer on Saturday to begin a 100-day ceasefire from December 10 — the International Human Rights Day.

"We can't just kill communists," Cardinal Sin, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Manila, said at his monthly news conference at his sprawling suburban villa.

Asked why the 23,000-strong New People's Army — born during the 20-year Marcos régime — continues to fight eight months after Mrs Aquino took power, the outspoken churchman compared the insurgency to a severed lizard's tail which continues to wriggle until it finally lies still.

Cardinal Sin described the new draft constitution as "perfect and beautiful" and said church workers would actively endorse its ratification in a plebiscite on February 2. Local government and congressional elections will follow in May.

"I think the present Government is (heading) in the right direction and . . . it won't be long when, after the elections and the ratification of the constitution, the people will realise that we are on the right track," he said.

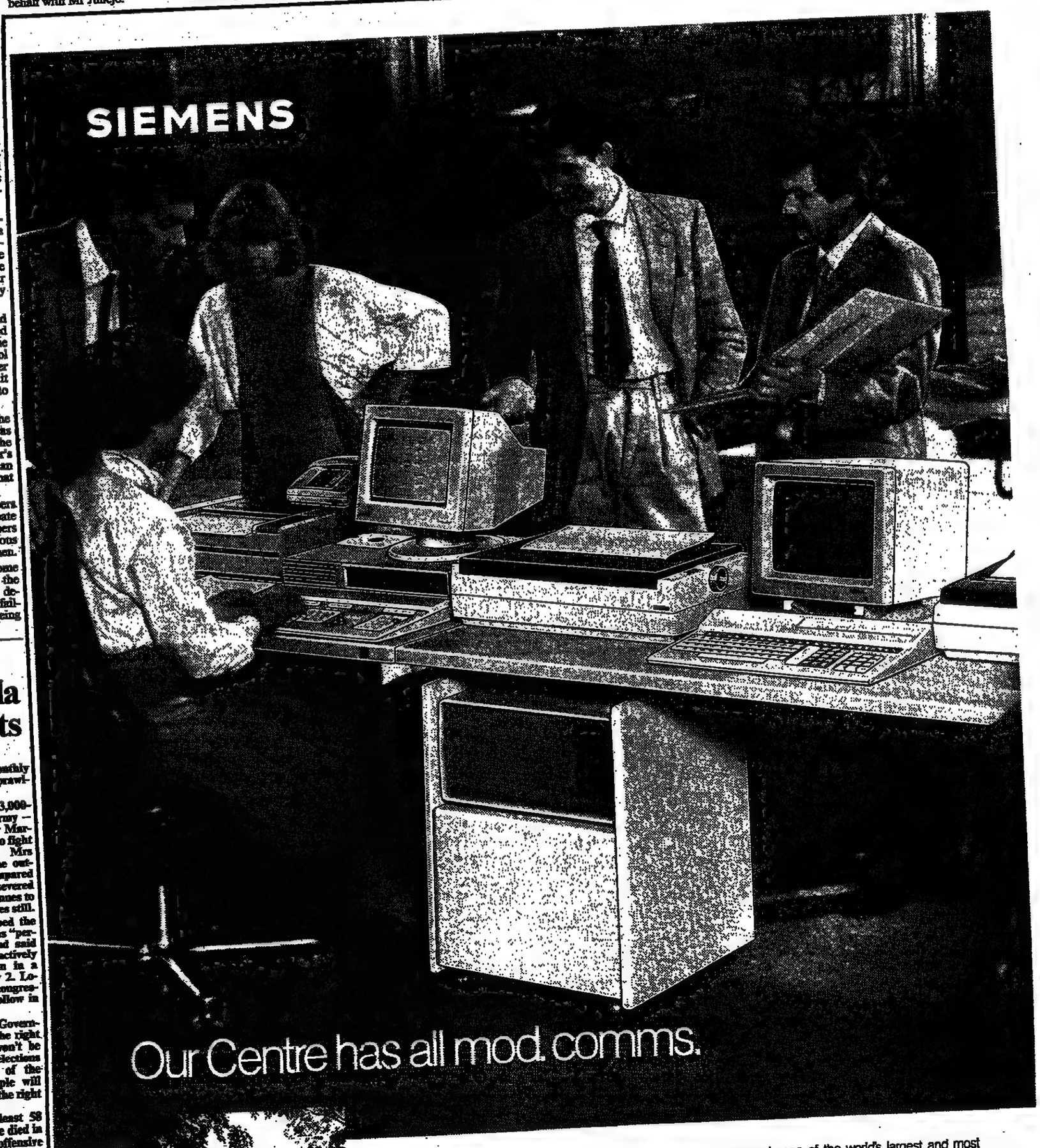
● Rebel deaths: At least 58 communist rebels have died in a five-day military offensive against a guerrilla band driven from its remote jungle camp by army troopers backed by helicopter gunships and fighter planes, the state-run Philippine News Agency (PNA) has reported.

The agency said 30 rebels of the New People's Army were killed on Monday, including 17 guerrillas holed up inside a mountain tunnel which collapsed during an airstrike.

Soldiers on a routine patrol in the hinterland of Lanao del Norte Province stumbled on a rebel camp on Friday.

In the first exchange of fire two soldiers died before three helicopter gunships and a fighter plane strafed the camp killing 20 rebels and forcing the others to flee, PNA said.

At least 500 residents have fled the fighting, among the most intense since President Aquino took power.



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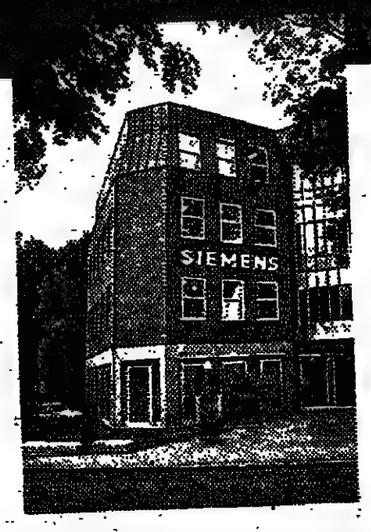

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Weapons shipments to Iran

Secret deals hold the key to release of Beirut captives

From Robert Fisk, Nicosia

A power struggle within the Iranian leadership, a series of secret meetings between American and Iranian officials in Tehran and negotiations with Kuwait to commute the sentences of 17 men convicted of bombing the French and US embassies there lie behind a package deal for the release of the American hostages in Lebanon.

The Americans have used Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, to capture public attention in the hostage deal by flying between Lebanon, Cyprus and Germany — but the real concessions made by the US have little to do with Mr Waite.

They are said by reliable sources in Beirut and Nicosia to have involved not only US talks in Tehran but the transport of arms and military spare parts to Iran from air bases in Israel and Spain.

One of the main shipments sent with US knowledge — which was part payment by the Israelis for exit permits for Iranian Jews — was taken to Iran on a Boeing jet that flew from Spain to a base near Tabriz in northern Iran in September 1985 . . . then returned over Turkey to land in Israel.

The aircraft was registered under the name of a Belgian company which proved to have a false address.

Now, according to the pro-Syrian Lebanese magazine *al-Shiraa*, further supplies of weapons, according to the same sources, have been sent to Iran by the Americans on C 130 aircraft, some of them ferrying equipment from as far away as the Philippines.

The Iranians are principally equipped with American-built aircraft and tanks, bought from the US before the revolution that overthrew the Shah, but the Iranians' dire need of maintenance facilities and spare parts has already grounded much of their Air Force.

The Americans, however, have astutely exploited a power struggle within the Iranian leadership, apparently rewarding pragmatic clerics with promises of arms supplies in return for progress on the release of the three hostages held in Lebanon by the pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad movement.

One of the three, Dr David Jacobsen, the director of the American University Hospital in Beirut, was released in Lebanon on Sunday.

The Iranians have demanded that the US cease its military support to Iraq in the Gulf War and suspend the shipment of all helicopters to Baghdad.

But during the latest US-Iranian contacts — which were underway by the early summer of this year — the Americans reportedly demanded a total cessation of all Iranian involvement in international bombings and assassinations as well as security guarantees for the Arab Gulf states which fear an enlargement of the Gulf War.

Arab diplomats say the Americans have meanwhile been talking to officials of the Kuwaiti Government about a possible reduction in the sentences of the 17 convicts whose release from prison was one of the original demands of Islamic Jihad.

Despite repeated US assurances that it would be wrong to attempt to persuade the Kuwaitis to release these men, the Kuwaiti authorities are said by diplomats in the area to be prepared to reduce their sentences and even to release the prisoners if they are requested to do so.

But according to Arab diplomatic sources, Dr Jacobsen's release came as a result not of such initiatives — nor of Mr Waite's perambulations — but because of Syrian pressure on Iran following the kidnapping of a Syrian diplomat in Tehran.

Syria, they say, had been demanding the release of the US hostages after repeated appeals by the US Administration to President Assad. Syria's subsequent approaches to Iran, however, had been angrily received by radicals in the Iranian Government, not least by Mr Mehdi Hashemi, the Iranian Revolutionary Guards official in charge of "Islamic liberation movements overseas", especially the Hezbollah (Party of God) in Lebanon.

Mr Hashemi is the brother of the brother-in-law of Ayatollah Hussein-ali Montazeri, the designated successor to Ayatollah Khomeini. And it was he, it is said, who arranged the abduction of the Syrian diplomat, Mr Iyad Mahmoud, earlier this month as a warning to Syria to keep its hands off the movement of Hezbollah members.

But Mr Mahmoud, who was released a few hours after his kidnapping, performs two vital functions. First, he is the liaison between Iran and the Hezbollah in Lebanon, enabling Iranians to travel in and out of Lebanon and providing visas for their transit through Syria.

Second, and far more importantly, Mr Hashemi is the main intermediary between the US and Iran.

Faced with Mr Mahmoud's kidnapping and repeated objections from the Hezbollah in Lebanon to Syrian control, the authorities in Damascus demanded Mr Hashemi's arrest. And indeed, Mr Hashemi has just been detained by security police in Tehran and charged with illegal possession of weapons and of forged documents.

Mr Mahmoud's role is, of course, well known to the Americans who sent a small but technically unofficial delegation to Iran in July, tasked to discuss the hostages with the Iranians. But their trip was "disclaimable" — in other words, there were no US officials among the visitors and the American authorities could deny any involvement in their mission if it became public.

According to an Arab diplomat who has served in Iran, Dr Jacobsen was released as a direct result of the Mahmoud abduction — when Iran's hand in the kidnapping of foreigners in Lebanon became so clear that it was forced to free at least one of the Americans to avoid embarrassment.

Further releases of Americans are likely to follow the fulfilment of US promises made during recent negotiations.

Sources in both Beirut and the Gulf say the Syrians will shortly ask Tehran to arrange the release of two French hostages — M Marcel Carton and M Marcel Fontaine, both diplomats.

This may occur within the next five days, before the European Community meets to consider whether British evidence of Syrian involvement in bombings justifies European action against Syria. A colonel from French intelligence has already arrived in Damascus to discuss these releases.

A further two French intelligence officials have also arrived in Nicosia to join in negotiations. One of them has just left Cyprus for an unknown destination.

Syrian airline disowns Hindawi and terror

From Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent, Montreux

Syrian Arab Airlines has launched a propaganda campaign to improve its image — tarnished in the wake of the Hindawi terrorism trial.

Two of its senior officials have used the International Air Transport Association (Iata) conference in Montreux to persuade other airlines — especially British Airways — to maintain the commercial links that enable it to operate effectively.

The airline clearly fears Britain could take further action against it, including severing the existing ties between them.

British Airways looks after Syrian Arab Airlines' aircraft in many parts of the world, and since the Syrian Government banned Syrian planes from landing at Heathrow it has regularly carried up to 1,000 passengers a week from Europe to Britain for the Syrian carrier.

Mr Muhammad Harfoush, the airline's commercial director, yesterday said that his company hoped its regular service to Heathrow would be restored. He said his airline was "totally and genuinely against terrorism, hijacking, bombing or any other kind of attack on aircraft.

"We never have in the past and never will in the future become involved in any form of terrorism. We were the victim of a plot to try to blacken the name of Syria."

When Britain broke off diplomatic relations with Syria following the Hindawi trial, Syria retaliated by banning all British aircraft from overflying the country.

Mr Harfoush said his company regretted that ban, ". . . but we had to do it otherwise a British aircraft could have been shot down by the same people who stage-managed the London bomb plot and we would have been blamed. Now if anything happens we can prove that we are not involved."

Mr Harfoush yesterday voted in favour of a strongly-worded resolution by Iata which urged governments to take tougher action against terrorism.

"We have adopted this resolution against terrorism because we are the nation which has suffered most from it," he said. "We have been foremost in opposing terrorism and could never have been behind anything which would have led to an act of terror at Heathrow or anywhere else in the world."

Dr David Jacobsen, the American hostage freed on Monday, embracing his daughter, Mrs Diana Duggan, on the balcony of the US Air Force hospital in Wiesbaden yesterday.

Freed hostage greets family

From John England, Wiesbaden

Dr Jacobsen, the American hostage in Lebanon who was freed on Monday after 17 months in Muslim captivity, was reunited with his family in West Germany yesterday.

His two sons and daughter, and their spouses, all from California, flew into Frankfurt airport to be met by Mr Terry Waite, the man who won Dr Jacobsen's release.

The family group was then driven to the US Air Force hospital in nearby Wiesbaden where he is still having medical and psychological tests.

The reunion was strictly private, but Dr Jacobsen, aged 55, and his family later appeared on a hospital balcony to face a battery of cameras and questions from journalists.

The former captive hugged or kissed each member of his family as loudspeakers played a tape of a ballad titled "When the Word Comes", composed and sung by his two sons, Eric and Paul.

He said that when he had last seen Mr Terry Anderson and Mr Tom Sutherland, his two American fellow hostages, they were well. "I hope to God they will be here very soon and standing where I am now," he added.

Dr Jacobsen, whom hospital specialists on Monday declared had dealt with the stresses of his captivity remarkably well, then gave a rambling and often emotional address. He said he was going to run for the US Congress.

He spoke of his faith in God that had sustained him when he was "sitting on the floor like a rabbit" and he spoke at length, but disjointedly, about his favourite baseball, basketball and football teams in America, referred to friends at the University of California in Los Angeles and joked that he was unemployed, broke and homeless.

The former director of the American University Hospital in Beirut then turned to the commander of the medical centre and said: "But I am housebroken, don't ask for much pay and can live in a six-by-six space."

The world-wide plight of conscientious objectors

War on conscription spreads as the penalties grow harsher

"I am a Christian, brought up in the beliefs of the Catholic Church. I am committed to peace... I believe that all armies legitimize the use of violence..."

These are the words of Phillip Wilkinson, a 22-year-old South African conscientious objector repeatedly in conflict with the authorities and detained for his failure to report to camp.

In the Soviet Union, Dmitri Argunov, aged 18 and also an objector to compulsory military service, has been in difficulties for distributing leaflets justifying his opposition to war.

Both men have come up against their governments because of their anti-war and pacifist beliefs. They are two of hundreds of young conscientious objectors in trouble or jailed all over the world; and they are part of a movement that is spreading as measures to control them, often apparently more liberal, are in fact growing more severe.

Today at least 80 countries continue to have conscription, of which only 20 have any form of legislation, however discriminatory, which acknowledges the right to a conscientious objection to war. Countries are split between those who regard certain grounds as acceptable, and those who send all who object, whatever their reasons, to prison. Some objectors currently in detention:

Bulgaria: **Kostadin Angelov Kalmakov**, 57, a former imprisoned conscientious objector, serving a four-year sentence for protesting against the jailing of his conscientious objector son, Emil.

West Germany: **Kai Kanz**, a "total resister" to all military service, including the civilian alternative available in West Germany, serving a 14-month sentence for "desertion" and "refusal of obedience".

South Africa: **Janet Cherry**, 24, detained in Port Elizabeth for her involvement with the End Conscription Campaign.

Poland: **Ryszard Bonowski**, facing further sentences for refusing to pay a fine imposed on him for returning his military papers, and he has already served several months for refusing military service.

Greece: **Aristides Sinathis**, a Jehovah's Witness and thus opposed to all military service, sentenced to serve 10 years in Diviata Military Prison, Thessalonika.

Builders blamed for Italian dam burst

Trento (Reuter) — Experts appointed by a court investigating the causes of a dam burst in northern Italy in which 268 people died, yesterday blamed the disaster on faulty construction and bad maintenance.

They said the dam's builders and those who owned it when it collapsed in July 1985, had failed to realize that the materials used were unstable and could not withstand the weight of water.

£1m claim on jet blast

New York (Reuter) — A businessman is claiming more than £1 million from TWA, claiming negligence when a bomb exploded in April on a jet en route to Athens, sucking out four passengers who were sitting in front of him.

Mr Anthanasios Polyzos is seeking damages for nervous shock and continuing emotional distress in a test case on behalf of himself and other passengers.

Murder charge

Lagos (AFP) — The lawyer for *Newswatch* magazine, whose chief executive and editor-in-chief, Mr Dele Giwa, was killed by a parcel bomb two weeks ago, has filed private murder charges against the heads of Nigeria's military and civilian intelligence services.

Tahiti protest

Papeete (AFP) — Hundreds of demonstrators protesting at France's nuclear testing programme took to the streets of *Tahiti in* a torchlight protest after the 26th conference of the South Pacific Commission opened here.

Family killed

Deventer — (AP) - A Dutch couple and their baby died when an express train hit their car at a crossing in this eastern Dutch city.

Wall arrest

West Berlin (Reuter) — East German border guards seized a man technically inside East German territory who was painting a long white line on the Western side of the Berlin Wall.

Dog-think

Viborg (Reuter) — Postmen in this west Danish town are to attend a course on dog psychology because about 65 have been bitten by dogs so far this year.

Plea rejected

Belgrade (Reuter) — The Yugoslav Federal Court has turned down an appeal on behalf of a convicted Second World War criminal, Andrija Artukovic, who was sentenced to death in May.

Record crop

Delhi (AFP) — The Punjab expects a bumper food crop this year, and to retain its place as India's grain bowl.

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THE ARTS

A living in death

[C]onsider this: in Mecklen[bu]rg, Virginia, there lives a [m]an who has killed four [pe]ople in as many years. His *[m]odus operandi* never varies. [H]aving had their heads and [r]ight legs shaved, his victims [a]re strapped to a wooden chair [an]d suffer two 55-second [bu]rsts of electric current.

The killer's name is Ser[ge]ant Dye (which he cannot, of [co]urse, help), and he resem[b]les a rather lugubrious pork [bu]tcher of ample girth (he [p]robably could help this bit). [T]he fact that he has now killed [m]ore people than have the [in]dividual condemned murder[er]s, whom he periodically [d]ispatches, might lead the [f]rivolous to imagine judicial [e]xecution in terms of conkers, [a] cumulative eye-for-an-eye.

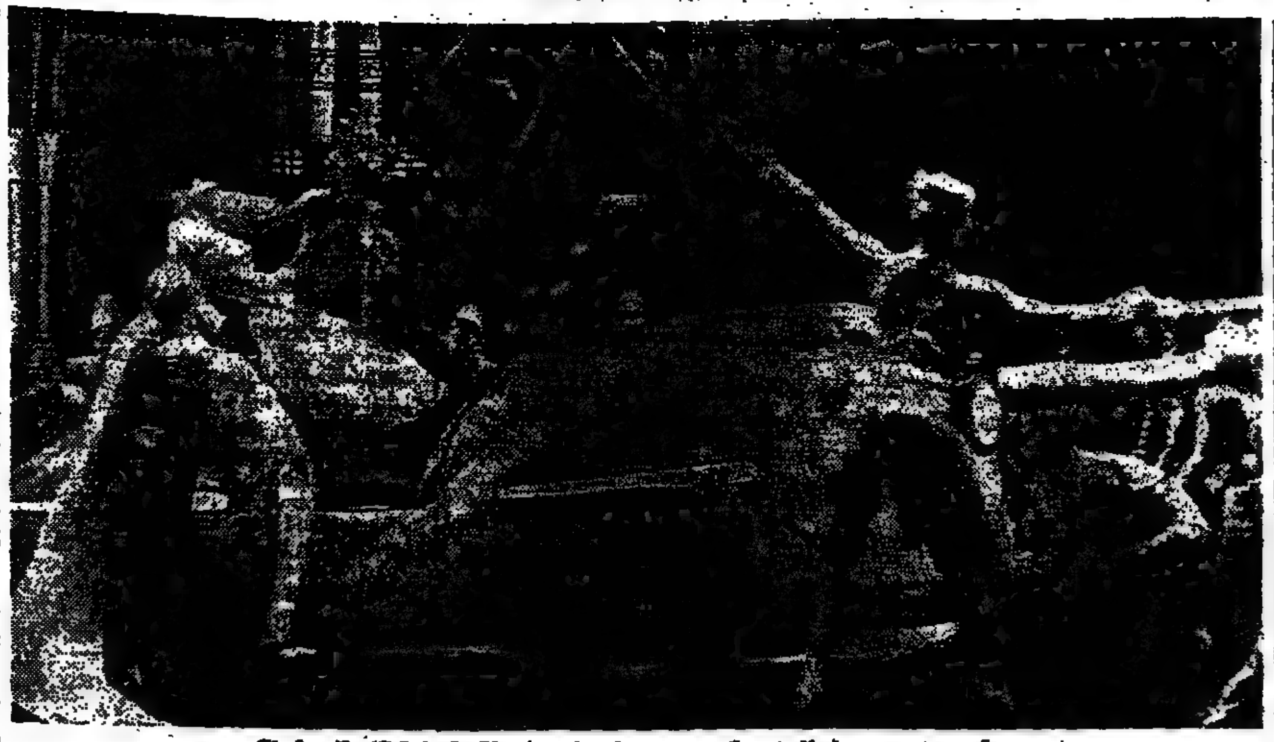
In the studiedly unfrivolous *[F]irst Tuesday* (YTV), the fell [S]ergeant displayed the grisly [h]ardware of his occasional [t]rade: the foam-lined restrain[in]g straps; the Pickelhaube [h]elmet; the velcro-tied execu[ti]on shirt, devoid of buttons for [f]ear the attendant doctor [s]hould burn his fingers. We [w]ere further informed that the [m]ore corpulent of his clients [t]end to "smoke" more, and [th]at those who are watching [s]tuff their nostrils with [V]aseline.

TELEVISION

The electric chair is a [si]ngularly barbaric mode of [ex]ecution, but it might be [th]ought no more cruel and [u]nusual a punishment than [k]eeping a prisoner on Death [R]ow, often for years on end, [w]hile the "due process" of [a]ppeals lumbers on outside. [T]he condemned of Mecklen[bu]rg evinced the expected [co]mbination of stoicism and [su]spended disbelief: they com[m]itted their crimes in some [m]isty past and now, under[st]andably, cultivate an un[c]ritical faith in the hereafter. ["I]'ve made Death one of my [cl]ose advisers", announced [on]e of their number, as though [a] whole life had led up to [th]at lapidary insight.

The programme might have [gi]ven more biographical infor[m]ation about the extraor[di]nary "paralegal" who has [ta]ken it on herself to cajole [at]torneys into representing the [co]ndemned in the absence of [pu]blic funds — as it might also [ha]ve detailed the atrocity of [th]eir crimes. The only explicit [na]stiness was supplied by the [si]ckening racist whoopee that, [ex]tramurally, salutes each [ex]ecution.

Martin Cropper



Cinderella (Sylvie Guillem) makes her way to the studio by open-topped car

John Percival reports on Nureyev's new *Cinderella* in Paris

All the fun of a musical

The intention of Rudolf Nureyev and his designer, Petrika Ionesco, to set their production of the Prokofiev Cinderella in the Hollywood of the Thirties sounded, before the event, capricious and even silly. But when you see it on the stage of the Paris Opéra their point becomes clear. Where else but in that dreamland does a girl whose beauty and talent have been neglected stand a chance of finding fame, fortune and happiness overnight?

The transposition proves to inflict no mayhem on the music. Nureyev uses the complete score (including the scene omitted from Ashton's Covent Garden production) with just one small change in running-order at the beginning of Act II. The music is some of the best Prokofiev ever wrote for ballet, and Marius Constant, conducting, brings its romantic and bizarre elements to good balance.

The production goes for spectacle in a big way. The film studio where Act II takes place is a vast Babylonian skyscraper, and when first seen from a distance there is a whole row of outsize Betty Grable cut-outs to point the way. Cinderalla makes the journey in a big red open-topped car and at her arrival is surrounded by photographers whose flash-bulbs illuminate her progress. Inside, there is room for three film sets to be seen at once, allowing jokes about Buster Keaton, King Kong and costume dramas, and when those are cleared, in the twinkling of an eye, the space left for dancing (backed by a splendid staircase) would allow even Busby Berkeley to let himself go.

Instead of a ball, Cinderella goes to an audition and rehearsal where she gets the starring role her pretty but spiteful stepsisters have been trying for. She also gets the devastatingly handsome young leading man of the film, a character treated with the deference due to a Valentino (is this Nureyev's reply to the iniquities of Ken Russell's film?). The other big change in the story is that the place of the fairy godmother is taken by a film producer whom Cinderella helps when, travelling incognito in search of talent, he has a cycling accident. Michaël Denard plays him with debonair charm, brings about some instant before-your-eyes transformations of Cinderella's apparel and is discreetly but constantly at hand to ensure her success.

Nureyev also introduces a glamorous stepmother (a deliciously wicked drag performance by Georges Piletta, pointe shoes and all) to complement the antics of Cinderella's stepsisters, played with relish by two of the company's most gifted ballerinas, Isabelle Guérin and Monique Loudières. Although they lose no chance of burlesque fun, they never go too far over the top. Consequently there is little likelihood of the comic aspects eclipsing the main story, as has sometimes happened elsewhere.

Nureyev has in fact followed Prokofiev's wish to concentrate above all on the love-story, and to that end he devotes the whole of the last scene (once Cinderella has signed her contract) to giving her and her heart-throb leading man another duet. Whether or not they live happy ever after, they are last seen with her in his arms while a wind-machine sends an enormous length of tulle fluttering across the stage.

When it comes to the big set pieces, nobody would expect Nureyev to outshine Ashton in the composition of the duets — although as indicated he scores by allowing himself more scope. His solos for the men are far more exciting than Ashton's, partly from his temperament, partly because he has stronger male dancers at his disposal, and more of them, than Ashton ever enjoyed. Also, like Ashton, Nureyev knows how to use a big corps de ballet, and the ensembles again benefit from the exceptional quality of the Paris company all through its ranks. The choreography throughout shows Nureyev having the confidence to write more simply and directly than in the past, which brings benefits both in expressiveness and in the brilliance with which his cast can perform his steps.

There will be two or three casts in all the main roles. Sylvie Guillem, one of the youngest ballerinas, was the choice for Cinderella on the opening night. Her ability to fill the stage with glamour was never in doubt; what was a surprise was to find her so adept a comedienne, with a wry, sly timing especially in her Chaplin-style mime and the dances she performs, emulating Astaire, with a hat-stand and a broom.

Charles Jude, happily right back on form after recent injuries, was the film-star, gambolling smoothly through solos with steps quite as blood-curdlingly difficult as anything the Bolshoi showed, but done here with a throwaway grace. He looks stunning, too, in the elaborately informal waistcoat and tights decorated to simulate jodhpurs which are among the best of many handsome costumes by the Japanese couturier Hanie Mori.

The great virtue of this *Cinderella*, in addition to its wit and its spectacle, is that it rescues the ballet from the limbo of Christmas pantomime and turns it into a modern fairy-tale for all seasons. I imagine, incidentally, that it could easily sustain a straight run in a West End or a Broadway theatre, being far more entertaining than most musicals: but who could afford to present a show with so splendid a cast?

The production is in repertory until November 12, with a further run scheduled for next June and July.

The people to watch

Tons of Money, which opens at the Lyttelton tomorrow, surprisingly marks the London début of **Alan Ayckbourn** (right) in directing work other than his own: interview by *Andrew Hislop*

Alan Ayckbourn is a great audience-watcher during the performances of his plays. This celebrated master-craftsman, ever inventive of ingenious theatrical techniques to explore the comic muddle and suppressed horror of middle-class life, is never short of people to look at. Translated into 24 languages, his plays are probably watched by more people in the world than those of any other living dramatist. Success, though, does not turn his head when it comes to focusing on the reactions of a paying customer. On the opening night of his first West End success, *Relatively Speaking*, he became completely obsessed with the failure of the large woman eating sweets next to him to show any response to the play, despite the riotous acclaim around her. It was only after the final curtain had been lowered that he discovered she was Spanish.

For well over 20 years, however, Ayckbourn's critical gazing at his public — mainly adoring and guffawing, but also occasionally puzzled and disturbed — has been predominantly in Scarborough, first as apprentice, then as successor to his theatrical mentor, Stephen Joseph. Joseph was a champion of theatre-in-the-round, which makes performers more aware of the audience, and Ayckbourn often watches them on the monitors in the Stephen Joseph Theatre-in-the-Round while they clamber over the set during the intervals.

The good playgoers of Scarborough, however, now have a temporary reprieve from the keen Ayckbourn eye, for their adopted theatrical son has taken a sabbatical from his unpaid job as director of production to direct three plays at the National Theatre: a new play of his own, *A Small Family Business*, next year at the Olivier, Arthur Miller's *A View from the Bridge* at the Cottesloe and, opening tomorrow at the Lyttelton, a revival of the first of the celebrated Aldwych farces, *Tons of Money*.

He has chosen the programme not only to offer a full range of drama from the tragic to the lightest comedy, with his own play in the middle, but also to fit the theatres. He used to think good drama could be done anywhere, but now believes "the right space is essential for the right play".

His own play is the result of his obsession with the problems of mastering the vast Olivier — "the most infuriating theatre and the most interesting".

Ayckbourn has, of course, directed plays of his own at the National, most successfully perhaps the much-acclaimed *A Chorus of Disapproval* — but only after first trying them out at Scarborough. Despite all his experience, *Tons of Money* brings his London début directing other peoples' work. At least it is his début directing *some* of other peoples' work — for he has given the play, originally written by Will Evans and Valentine but also tinkered with by a number of others, including Yvonne Arnaud, "a pretty big face-lift job". (Gone for instance are lines, intended for Arnaud, which only make sense in a French accent.)

Wisely, Ayckbourn has approached the problems of working in such a leviathan of a theatre as the National by trying to re-create some of the intimacy of Scarborough. He has his own company of 20, including many stalwarts of past Ayckbourn productions in both Scarborough and London and his own small stage crew. He has tried to keep things simple — "so I can do what I think I do best, which is to make companies". Stephen Joseph had once told him, in a throwaway manner, "just create an atmosphere in which the actors can create".

Creating that atmosphere, according to Ayckbourn, is "the most difficult thing in the world", but he is obviously good at it. Large, jovially-rounded but very quick in mind, easygoing yet with the thinly veiled competitive spirit of the keen English amateur sportsman — appropriately, he keeps wicket — Ayckbourn is able both to get the best out of a company in short, intensive rehearsals and to make sure they have great fun in the process too. It also helps that he is thoroughly experienced in every aspect of the theatre, including acting.

He once was even directed by Pinter as Stanley in *The Birthday Party*, fresh from its famous mauling by the London critics. "I was lifted by a director with his brain on fire determined to make a point." He admits, however, that he would never have been asked to join the National as an actor.

Ayckbourn comes to the National at the summit of his career. The security of his Scarborough nest has enabled him to continue his work remarkably unaffected by those who have overpraised him, comparing him to Shakespeare, and those who have unjustly reviled him, regarding him as a vacuous, right-wing boulevardier. His recent West End success, *Woman in Mind*, shows that his great talents as well as his limitations thrive unabated despite attempts by some to see him as a writer politically subversive of middle-class values as he is of theatrical convention. Only Broadway remains unconquered by his refusal to confine himself either to the theatrical shallows or depths.

He does, however, reveal a comforting vulnerability about his move to the National. Though Sir Peter Hall was prepared to allow him, as is his wont at Scarborough, to write *A Small Family Business* at the last moment, he produced it a year in advance. Since it was the first play for years he had to submit to an artistic director other than himself, he was overcome by anxiety when there was no immediate response. He sent another copy to Michael Gambon, who is to star in it. Still no reaction. In desperation he sent it to his mother for approval. Perhaps this need for approval explains why he is so keen on observing audiences. Whether *Tons of Money* is met by rapturous acclaim or Spanish sweet-rustling on its opening night, its director will be keenly watching the performances off as well as on stage.

THEATRE

A Dream Play
King's Head

[Str]indberg has seen two superb [re]vivals of Strindberg's mas[te]rpiece in the past 15 years. [B]oth revealed a dramatist [w]orlds removed from the [de]monic chronicler of sexual [w]arfare, and confirmed him as [a] tragic poet of the first [m]agnitude. But, for all the [at]tention English manage[m]ents have paid, these [pr]oductions might never have [a]ppeared at all; and we are still [st]uck with the Strindberg of *[M]iss Julie* and *The Father*.

A Dream Play tells the story [of] an immortal who takes on [h]uman form to gain experi[en]ce of the world, moves [th]rough a cycle of suffering, [an]d then departs expressing [p]ity for those condemned [to] live in a torture chamber so [or]ganized that every act in[fli]cts pain on somebody else. [Th]e piece unfolds with the [tra]nsitions of dream logic, but [the] playing style is unspecified. [O]f the two past productions, [In]gmar Bergman's opted for a [co]ol, naturalistic collage; Mike [Al]krent's pushed the piece [in]to expressionist nightmare. [Th]e lesson is that nobody can just "do" *A Dream Play*, it demands a creative director.

At the King's Head, it is directed by the Swedish-born Karina Micallef as the first of a series of European productions by the Tell-Tale Theatre Company. There is room for such a company, but their future work will have to be better than this show, which walks innocently into a loaded trap.

The first rule in dream narrative is that every event and every location must be presented with unambiguous clarity. Scenes may dissolve, characters double or multiply, but the process must be properly articulated. Miss Micallef's company, however, go simply for the fluidity of dream: rushing on with a hasty costume-change and launching into the next scenic fragment without first defining the nature of the transformation. As a result, the ironies, pain and the sense of an all-pervading intelligence are missing, and the narrative subsides into a jumbled blur.

Bergman once confessed to finding parts of the play "sentimental and over-aesthetic". He took good care to minimize those qualities in his own version. Here, they dominate the evening. The style fatally combines the grotesque with imprecision, so that characterization all too often consists of generalized grimaces and leers, backed up with a menacing chorus going through the hissing routine. Thus, instead of viewing the sadness of human life at long range, with passing glimpses of wasted affection and mutual torment, the performance offers a gallery of fools and aggressors inviting you to pass judgement on them as individuals.

Periodically, the scenes are interrupted by John Jansson's score, which may indeed be based on Swedish folk-tunes but which prompts the company into precarious and unethereal dances redolent of a drama school's end-of-term show demonstrating the cast's versatility. Equally inexpressive are the passages of robot pantomime which blot out the meaning of the lines and tear into the dramatic texture as intrusive numbers sending the dream up in smoke.

I am sorry to greet an adventurous group in these terms. The accompanying Swedish dinner is well up to the standards of the house.

Irving Wardle

Dirty Dishes
Boulevard

Wedged between the meretricious façades of Walker's Court, Soho, and sharing amenities with the Raymond Revuebar, this brave newish venue offers better value for money than many a "legitimate" West End theatre. Nick Whitby's previous play attracted a favourable notice from my predecessor, the late Anthony Masters; this, his first commercial venture, shows that he is possessed of a good pair of ears as well as some good material. As to structure and development, he has some way to go yet.

The action devolves entirely in the kitchen of a London pizzeria, eponymously named, where a clutch of illegal immigrants and associated misfits are doing what they can to ease the pain of tough work and lousy wages.

Edgar, a shambolically goofy Argentine (Cliff Parisi), is launched on an heroic, days-long drugs binge. Carlos (Guy Moore) is a Brazilian lawyer, alternately feeding his amphetamine habit and sounding off about capitalist exploitation; sharing a joint of grass in the staff lavatory with Edgar, he improves the latter's English by having him repeat the sentence "Desmond Lynam wears a moustache". Later, he will howl "I'm frustrating! — my whole body is frustrating!", which I think is a delicious line. There are, in addition, a resting American actress, another South American who spits in the chilli, a blank French girl in love with Carlos, and a garrulous and obtuse Englishwoman.

The dirt that is dished to these lost souls comes from the smiling swine of a manager (Olly Parker), who is, unfortunately, the one incredible character of the piece. In his manipulative callousness there rises the horrible suspicion that the author is out to make a point rather than simply wind his creations up and let them go — a suspicion confirmed in the closing, macabre scene which draws together the surreal threads of the piece without tying a satisfying knot. Mr Parker also plays the manager's more wimpish brother, an egregious theatrical device which has not been thoroughly thought out.

Tim Whitby's production is robustly cast and vigorously executed. It makes a pleasant change to see a young audience responding genuinely to (at the risk of sounding patronizing) a young play.

Martin Cropper

Young Writers
Theatre Upstairs

Hopes for the future of dramatic writing in a video age are given a boost by this year's Royal Court Young Writers' Festival. Three authors, ranging in age between 16 and 20; three different concerns, and widely differing styles; achievements in each that focus on contemporary predicaments and crimes.

The Plague Year, a short play by Theresa Heskins, is set in London 300 years ago, but humankind's resistance to the notion of pestilence as God's punishment is passionately up to date. Characters are simply indicated and their development is restricted by the snap conclusion, but the revelation of private beliefs through spoken prayer is effective.

Two minutes of deft scene-changing and we are in the cartoon-coloured world of Shaun Duggan's *William*. The gangling 17-year-old hero dreams of fame and flight from Merseyside, where Dad (Ian Redford) is barnacled to the television set, Mum (Linda Henry) hurls prayers across a Pope-embroidered rug, and the fat girl at the stores (delightful Cheryl Maiker) offers only traditional joys. Ruefully recording the youth's comical misadventures, Mark Williams treads with skill and charm the author's path along the boundary between self-criticism and self-respect.

These two plays, both directed by Hettie Macdonald, peter out near the end. Eve Lewis's *Ficky Stingers*, directed by Lindsay Posner, is a most alertly imagined sequence of events surrounding and containing a girl's rape by one of the local boys. Mr Wonderful pulls the drapes off three still girls who then proceed, through tense narrative, pulses of swift dialogue and the splitting of words and action between them, to give a vivid impression of folly, terror and disgust. I was greatly moved by Harriet Bagnall as the distressed girl. Cyril Nri's snappy fella is written as boastful rather than black. Would London's more neurotic boroughs call this casting racist?

Jeremy Kingston

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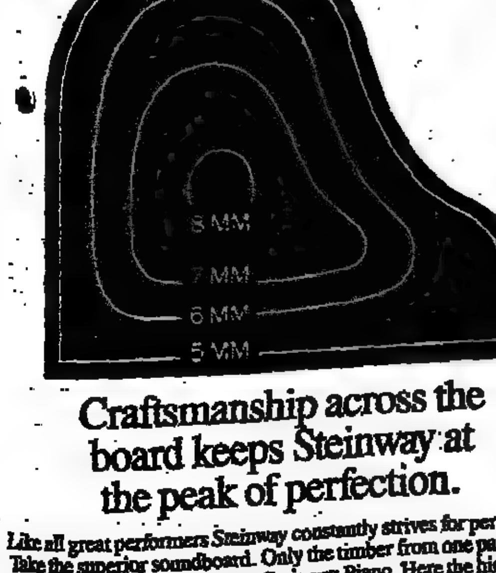

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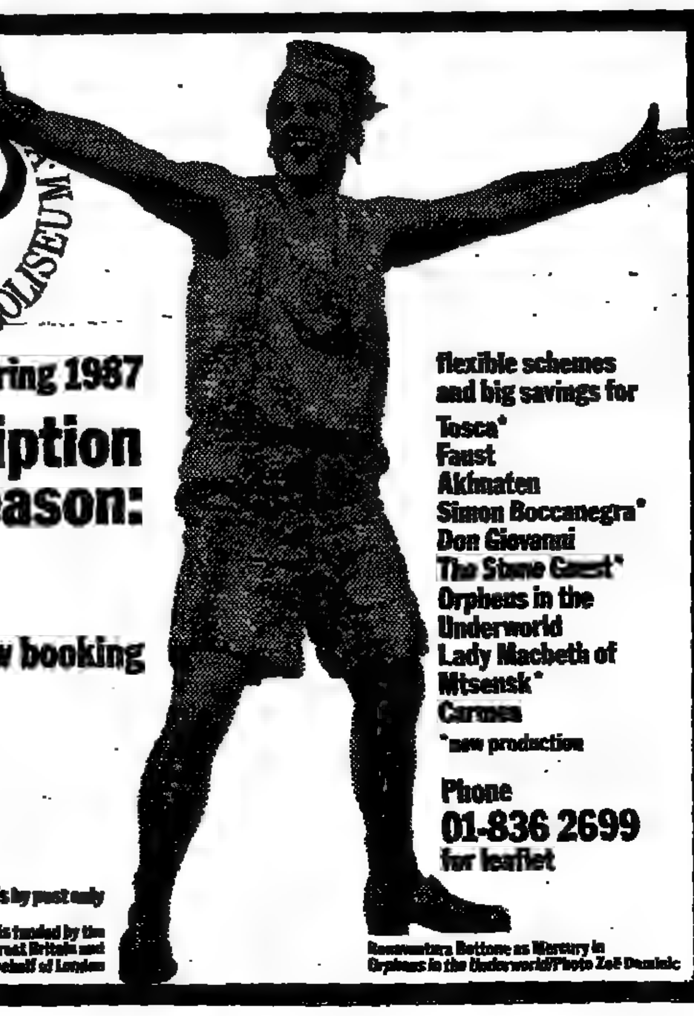

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Love in a chilling climate

The Government's prescription for stopping the spread of Aids is a dramatic alteration in sexual behaviour. But a tour of London's West End clubs persuaded Jill Sherman and Michael Dynes that undoing 20 years of sexual permissiveness will not be easy

The Aids epidemic is now a national crisis. Anthony Newton, Minister for Health, warned this week that, with the number of Aids cases *doubling every* 10 months, urgent action is required. The only way to stop the spread of the disease, he said, was for people to change their sexual behaviour.

A national television advertising campaign to get that message across will top the agenda at a meeting this week of the newly-formed Cabinet committee set up *to deal with the Aids epidemic*. The same message will be repeated by politicians, doctors and other health experts for the foreseeable future.

But how effective will it be? Our interviews with young men and women reveal an alarming ignorance about the risks of Aids. To them the infection is still an irrelevance, a "gay" disease or a bawdy joke. Few people seem impressed by the Government's *publicity campaign* so far.

Since March about £2 million has been spent on newspaper advertisements that have sought to increase awareness of the disease and its risks. They seem to have had little impact. Much more will soon be spent, the messages will become more explicit, the warnings more emphatic. The *evidence that the disease in some* cases can be passed through normal sexual intercourse has only just begun to challenge popular prejudices. The crisis has still to be taken seriously. Most people cling to the belief that Aids can't and won't happen to them.

Advice that essentially calls for a new code of chastity may thus be ignored or dismissed as a "killjoy" tactic among a population long used to carefree sex and unable or unwilling to visualize the future. Meanwhile many experts believe that, in terms of the progress of the disease, we are already living in the past.

"The truth is that the people who are dying of Aids today became infected five years ago," says Dr Jonathan Weber, a leading researcher in London. "Somehow we have to accept the reality that since then another 30,000 or more have become infected, and that in five years from now, there will be perhaps 4,000 people in Britain with Aids, and that there is *nothing at all* we can do to stop those cases occurring.

"All we can hope to do is prevent more cases. We can't do that medically. It can only be done by changes in sexual behaviour."

Stan Frances

I suppose if you had a one-night stand the girl may have slept with a haemophiliac, or a drug addict. But I don't think you would consciously worry about catching Aids. You might think about it afterwards, but I think if it crosses your mind at all, you judge the risk by the social status of the girl you're with."

Nick, a 25-year-old market-maker in the City, was not in the least concerned about Aids. Propping up the bar at the fashionable Soho Brasserie, gin and tonic in hand, he said he was not promiscuous and presumed his girlfriend of three months' standing was not either.

Nick's relaxed if not complacent attitude seems to be typical of his age group. With only a few exceptions, the young heterosexuals we talked to seem startlingly unaware of their vulnerability. They were reluctant to practise safer sex or change their promiscuous life-styles.

While most young people know that the Aids virus can be sexually transmitted , many are convinced it is still a homosexual disease which poses no threat to their own lifestyle. Aids specialists, however, now agree that the disease can be passed through body fluids such as blood, semen and vaginal secretions. Women can pass it on as easily as men like most other sexually transmitted diseases.

Andrew, 23, an unemployed musician imbibing at the bar of the Criterion restaurant in Piccadilly, claimed that all he knew about Aids had been *learnt from* friends. He never read newspapers or watched television. "As far as I know it is transmitted by anal intercourse and through blood. So I wouldn't really be worried about having a heterosexual relationship."

Half-way through his McDonald's hamburger in Charing Cross Road, Greg, an 18-year-old cabinet maker from Scotland, thought his homeland would help him. "Scotland's not as bad as London. We've only got about 40 people with Aids. It's all blown out of proportion. It's *just like* herpes."

Crouched over his vodka and orange at Larry's Bar off the New King's Road, David, aged 19, an art student, believed it was transmitted through sex, blood and "prolonged" kissing. "There was an Aids scare at college, about overseas students," he said, "and everyone was supposed to have a chest X-ray which shows it up."

Others conveniently excluded themselves from the vulnerable categories. "I don't consider myself in a high-risk group," said Graham, 21, a labourer on a building site. "Drug addicts and homosexuals, they're the only *ones that get it*. I haven't heard of any women passing it on to men."

John, 20, a hotel worker, was sceptical: "When a bloke and a woman are together, nothing passes from the woman to the man does it? So you can't get it from a woman."

Many young people have not even discussed Aids with their friends — or if they have, the subject is not taken seriously. At a popular bar in Soho, Marielle, 24, working in the travel trade said, "We usually joke about it. The subject does come up but friends say 'Oh . . . have you got Aids?', nudge, nudge . . . "

People in long-term relationships felt the problem did not concern them at the moment, and were reluctant to think how it would affect them once their affair had finished. Some, however, were very scared, conscious that they might easily be victims of the disease already, whether or not they led a promiscuous life.

Kay, 26, working for a film company, said she was so frightened about having Aids that she and the rest of her office were going to donate blood so that they could be tested for the virus. "I saw the programme on TV. We've all been talking about it. It's certainly made me more aware about how easy it is to catch it."

Sonya, 26, producer of a pop programme, predicted that Aids would destroy civilization. "It will always be at the back of your mind. There could be masses of people wandering around with the disease now. It's all very well telling them what to do but it may be too late. A voluntary screening system should be set up so that anyone could have their blood tested. People could then carry cards to say whether they were positive or not. I would rather see a card before going to bed with someone," she said.

'Homosexuals and drug addicts, they're the only ones that get it. I'm not worried about it at all'

But most young people were not in favour of compulsory screening, which they viewed as a breach of civil liberty.

Not surprisingly, homosexuals were more aware of how Aids is contracted and how to prevent it spreading. Gary, a 27-year-old doctor, said many gay people had restrained their sexual activity but that others were still going out on *the gay scene, their lives revolving* around boyfriends and sex.

The hostility towards condoms, despite the protection they offer against the disease, was widespread. Indeed, some people would prefer to give up sex altogether rather than use them.

In a bar in Covent Garden, Clare, aged 22, a musician, said she would be very particular about whom she went to bed with but said: "I wouldn't ask a bloke to wear a condom. I think they're just revolting. It's the smell. You just can't get rid of it. If they could manufacture one that didn't smell like rubber so horribly, I suppose I wouldn't mind so much. But it would still be just like having a bath with your socks on. I would rather have no sex at all than have to use condoms. They just put me off completely."

Like many people, Sonya was sceptical that two decades of permissive propaganda could be undone because of the Aids scare. *"I for one wouldn't be prepared to* sleep with someone who used a condom. It's not very nice. Maybe we'll just have to be re-educated."

Andrew also found the idea of using condoms completely unacceptable. "I just don't like them, so I wouldn't ever use one. I'd rather not have sex. They don't arouse me at all. I think a lot of people feel that way. Its just the fact that they're so awkward to use, and they smell disgusting."

Although reconciled to the prudence of using condoms, John was concerned about their immediate availability. "Yeah, I'd wear a condom, if I had one on me. But I can't see many people doing that, can you? I mean, when you get back to a bird's house you're not going to say, 'hold on a tick, I'm just going to nip out to the all night chemist and get a condom', are you? Most people would just take the risk."

For some people, the one-night stand is already a thing of the past. Ron, a 34-year-old London taxi driver, married with a son aged 16, has radically changed his sexual behaviour for fear of passing the disease onto his wife.

"I used to sleep around all the time, a different girl almost every night, lots of money in me pocket — you know. But I've had VD in the past so I know how easily these things can be picked up on those one-off occassions. A lot of my friends still regard Aids as a gay plague. They don't realize that the chances of them catching it are increasing all the time. I for one have no intention of playing the field any more."

Despite all the talk about the arrival of the new chastity, younger people were not prepared to accept the idea. Jackie, aged 25, a hairdresser who is married with a young daughter, was convinced that most people would carry on having extra-marital affairs. "There's a lot of people who are married who can't stick to one partner. They have just got to have some one else, otherwise they think they're *missing* out on something."

Yet most people said that if they contracted Aids, the last thing they would do is infect anyone else. Brid, aged 26, an actress, was convinced that men would be more irresponsible than women when it came to passing on the disease. "If I had Aids, I would try to find a partner who had it as well. But most men probably wouldn't. When men get the urge, they've just got to go for it. But women are normally more in control of their emotions."

Though most young people were reluctant to change their sexual behaviour radically, many showed a morbid curiosity about Aids. Young people wanted more information about the disease, and how to prevent it spreading. What they had gleaned came mainly from television programmes. The Government's recent newspaper campaign was dismissed as a "joke".

"There has been too much banding about of statistics and not enough straightforward, lucid explanation. The British public doesn't face up to things very quickly," said Nick.

Others echoed the views of Aids specialists that the Government had done too little, too late. "The Government has been really negligent. Attitudes should have changed a long time ago. So many people are now infected and are going to go on and get the disease. I don't think that telling people to be monogomous is going to work," said Gary.

As Richard, aged 19, a computer programmer observed after *a few pints at Lucy's nightclub* near Leicester Square: "The Government clearly isn't that worried about Aids. If it was, we would have had more public broadcasts on television about it by now. I really can't see people changing their attitudes until the Government thinks that there is something out there we have to worry about."

Where they went wrong

The young people in our survey betrayed an alarming degree of ignorance about Aids. Dr Thomas Stuttaford puts them right

Initially homosexuals, drug addicts, haemophiliac patients, and prostitutes were the main sufferers *from* Aids, and an impression was given that other people should not be too concerned. That is nonsense.

The virus is spread by heterosexual as well as homosexual intercourse, by vaginal as well as anal sex, by the mouth as well as through other orifices. The virus is carried in blood, semen, vaginal and cervical secretions; it is also present in smaller amounts in tears and saliva, though probably not in a *high enough quantity to be* infections.

Aids is not a single disease, but a collection of pathological conditions to which the body is prone *after its defences against infections and malignant diseases* have been destroyed by the HIV(HTLV3) virus. Perhaps in an attempt to alleviate alarm, the hazard posed to the community by the HIV virus has been played down.

Initially it was hoped that only about 10 per cent of those infected with HIV would develop Aids, but that has proved to be an absurdly optimistic forecast; five-year studies have shown that as many as 30 per cent of those infected may have developed Aids, and there exists the fear that in time most of the rest may succumb. Even without developing the full Aids syndrome many patients have signs of cerebral involvement and show early dementia.

All patients who have been infected with HIV, whatever their present state of health, are infectious. Aids can manifest itself in a variety of ways. The most common presenting complaint is pneumonia due to Pneumocystis carinii. The second most likely *initial* symptom is Kaposi's sarcoma. Cancer of the lymphatic system. *Intractable diarrhoea, weight loss*, mental changes may all be the first signs or symptoms that Aids is developing.

David, with his cheery optimism in Larry's Bar, could not be more *mistaken. A clear chest X-ray is no* certainty that he has not been infected. Only a blood test will give him complete confidence that he has not been exposed to the HIV virus, and only by avoiding casual sex, or if he is unable to do this, by using a condom, will he be safe, or relatively safe, from the virus.

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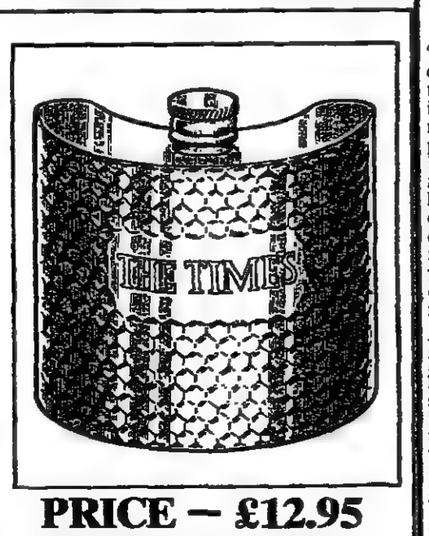

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After spending 11 years in St Petersburg, the clock was sent back to England with a broken glass case.

Heavenly: Matthew Boulton's great sidereal clock

Matthew Boulton was one of the greatest English metalworkers of the eighteenth century. At his factory outside Birmingham he produced superb ormolu, silver and Sheffield plate using designs by such great contemporaries as Robert Adam and James Wyatt. As the partner of James Watt, he was the first manufacturer of the steam engine. In 1774 he boasted to Boswell: "I sell here, sir, what all the world desires to have — Power".

His many historians have assumed the clock to be lost or destroyed. But, together with his library and fascinating working drawings for various of his projects, the clock has been slumbering in a derelict Oxfordshire village like a beautiful princess in a fairy story.

The Boulton home at Great Tew in Oxfordshire has been the epicentre of a sensational conservationist battle for the last two decades. Matthew Boulton's son, Matthew Robinson Boulton, purchased the Tew estate in 1815-16. In addition to the manor house, there are some 56 cottages and 4,500 acres of arable and woodland. The last owner, Major Eustace Robb, who died last year, was descended from the Boultons in the female line and became, in his latter years, a recluse and eccentric.

Robb seems to have set his face against modern agricultural orthodoxy. He wanted, it appears, to preserve the traditional village community *without allowing* an influx of commuters and weekenders who would have changed the nature of the old farming estate. As villagers and farm hands died or left, their cottages fell into ruin. Many are empty, with walls crumbling and roofs falling in. The village has retained its traditional character but appears neglected compared with its smart Cotswold neighbours.

As a barrage of newspaper articles and television programmes has exposed its *plight, Major Robb and his* estate manager James Johnstone have come under fierce criticism. Johnstone had formerly worked in a solicitor's office and has been particularly singled out for criticism as an unqualified and hard-hearted executant of Robb's old-fashioned policies. When he drew up his will Robb ignored his family connections and left the entire estate to Johnstone.

Like any other heir, Johnstone's first problem is capital transfer tax, formerly estate duty, and he has called in Christie's to help him solve it. Breaking through the cobwebs, their representatives have entered the house to find Matthew Boulton's effects *slumbering within*.

As well as offering the famous clock to the nation, they are to auction his library and a large collection of drawings on December 12 and 16 respectively. The library is a utilitarian collection, reflecting Boulton's wide interests in mathematics, mineralogy, chemistry and economy and including many books by scientists such as Joseph Black, Erasmus Darwin, Priestley, De Luc and Fourcroy. They have simple late 18th Century bindings and have Boulton's own bookplate inside.

The drawings fall into two groups. The first concern improvements made to Boulton's home, Soho House, near Birmingham, in the 1780s and 1790s by Samuel and James Wyatt as well as a *local architect, William* Hollins. They include elevations, plans and working drawings and provide a fascinating insight into the architects' ideas.

The second group relates to Boulton's last great achievement, his revolutionary technique for minting coinage using Watt's steam engine. The collection includes a large number of mechanical drawings for the installation of machinery in London and St Petersburg, as well as plans and elevations.

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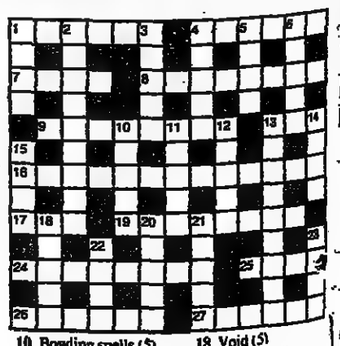

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Married to affairs of state

The popular vision of the life of a diplomat's wife is of tall drinks on sunny verandas while the men get on with the real work. But, as a conference in London tomorrow will make clear, many sacrifice a great deal, including their own careers. Lindsay Knight reports

Whatever complaints diplomats' wives may have about their lot, they are unfailingly loyal to their husbands. "We are the most loyal group of wives," said Gay Murphy, chairman of the Diplomatic Service Wives Association.

But this loyalty is sorely tested by husbands and the Foreign Office, especially when couples are posted abroad. A move can mean a major disruption, if not a total break, in the wife's career, and she can spend so much time on embassy work that she may feel like an unpaid FCO employee.

While her loyalty may be refreshingly old-fashioned, her ambitions are not. Diplomatic wives are keen to dismiss the image, at least 20 years out of date, of the diplomat's wife swanning around the world, being looked after by armies of servants and having little to do but pose decoratively on verandas sipping gin and tonics. They have, for example, an impressive range of qualifications and work experience, as a recent DSWA questionnaire shows. Many are graduates or trained teachers, and their jobs vary from nursing to accountancy, the law to word processing, cartography to electronic engineering, metallurgy to architecture.

In 1986, most of these wives (about 2,600 throughout the world) would like to work in their own right, whatever the level of their ambitions or career. They are no longer happy with the assumption that their role is to support their spouses (and implicitly the FCO). Ways of tackling the work problem — shared by diplomatic wives from every country, not just the UK — will be high on the agenda at this week's conference of the European Community Diplomatic Spouses' Associations, hosted by the UK's DSWA in London.

In recent years, considerable effort and often ingenuity have been exercised to arrange joint postings when two FCO people marry. The problems of wives with careers outside the FCO are less soluble.

One young woman spoke only on the understanding that she could remain anonymous (even to her husband): "In theory you're free to say what you think but in practice you do worry that pressure might be put on your husband to shut you up."

She is now back in London after three years abroad. "After university and then beginning to establish myself in a career in advertising, it was terrible at the age of 24 to go abroad and have to depend on my husband for everything because I couldn't work there. When I came back, I'd obviously missed out on promotions. I keep very quiet at work about my husband's job because they think I'll be going abroad again."

For this woman, the frustrations of not working were aggravated by the expectations of her as a diplomatic wife — not only the voluntary work, but also the coffee mornings and wives' meetings. "I stopped going to these soon after we arrived and then a couple of wives came round to see me, to ask why. 'You'll get a lot of stick if you don't come,' they warned. But I didn't, even though I know my husband would have preferred me to, and I know I wasn't the most popular wife in the embassy."

Clare Oliver is a social worker who accompanied her husband to Mexico when he was seconded from his company to the Foreign Office for three years. "The psychological stresses are hard for many wives," she says. "Because they can't do paid work, women lose their sense of identity and receive their status from their husbands. Rank is very prevalent so you become the Second Secretary's Wife, for example, and there is still a big divide between junior and senior wives."

There are considerable differences between going abroad with a company and with the Foreign Office, Clare explains. "With a company, there is more choice about the house you live in or how you live. The FCO allots you a house according to your status, and it's assumed you will do a lot of the entertaining for your husband. Some wives I knew in Mexico would cook dinner, serve the drinks and then disappear. I refused to allow my home to be used as a restaurant like that, but I certainly didn't have any choice about who came into my home."

Of course, many wives enjoy their life abroad but some, particularly the younger women, doubt if the benefits outweigh the disadvantages. Some are already choosing to stay in the UK when their husbands are posted abroad in order to continue their careers. The FCO admits that it is losing "good men" in their 30s because their wives put pressure on them to leave the FCO for a more settled existence.

The FCO recognizes both a wife's contribution and her dilemma. A spokesman said: "Frankly, if a wife chooses to be involved in the embassy work, it's an unpaid benefit for us."

Bill Warhurst

In Her Majesty's service: Pamela Gordon and children (from left) Francesca, 6, Adam, 1, and Alexandra, 4

Pamela Gordon insists that she has no regrets about giving up her own diplomatic career to marry a diplomat. But it is clear that she has not always been so resigned to the life of loyal wife and mother: "I'm just learning to live with it a bit more. Perhaps I've matured as I've got older." Now in her early 30s, Pamela read law at Leicester University and then joined the Foreign Office ("the executive stream, not the high-fliers"). She met her husband-to-be Robert in her first week, ("he had been to Oxford and was a high-flier") but no decisions were made about marriage until five years later, by which time both of them had been posted abroad separately.

Pamela had served 18 months in Cuba, as Third Secretary, Political, and then went to Brussels as an attaché to the British EEC delegation. Robert called on her en route from Poland (where he had spent two years) to London, and after three days they decided to marry.

Their problem was: where would they go together? She wanted to stay in her post in Brussels, and he had a post coming up in Chile as Second Secretary.

The Foreign Office said it regretted the fact, but there would not be two jobs available in Brussels or Santiago so they would have to choose. According to Pamela, the decision was obvious — "He had a much better career ahead of him than me" — so they went to Chile, the FCO having agreed to give her unpaid leave during that time.

Pamela remembers their first day in Santiago: "Our very kind predecessor and his wife showed us round the house and made us welcome. Then he said to Robert, 'Now I'll take you home to the embassy and show you the offices'.

"I got up to go too, then realized *I* didn't work there. The wife showed me the local shops. It was one of the worst moments.

"I was very slow in coming to terms with the situation. It was probably worse for me than other working wives because I had worked for the Foreign Office. My husband would come home every evening and I'd feel so upset that I wouldn't want to listen to his stories about work."

'It's a matter of having a job rather than a career'

Because of her Cuban posting, Pamela spoke fluent Spanish, so she contacted several British companies in Santiago. "I was thrilled when one of them offered me a job, and I rushed along to the embassy to tell my husband, only to discover that the Chileans had stopped giving diplomatic spouses work permits. I was only 27 and I wasn't allowed to work. It was tragic at the time."

So like most diplomatic wives, Pamela "kept herself busy" and had two children in fairly quick succession, while taking on some translating and voluntary work. "That is very much expected of you as a diplomatic wife. Within a week of arriving, I was told by other wives what my predecessor had done and therefore what I should do.

"I did feel that I wanted to do the voluntary work I was interested in so I offered to help out in a soup kitchen run by the church. But someone said 'You should stick to what you diplomatic wives are good at: fund raising'.

"That was another shock to the system. I'd only been a diplomat's wife for three weeks."

After four years, which she emphasizes were often "great fun", she and her husband returned to London. She could then have gone back into the Foreign Office, but asked for part-time work because of her small children. There was none available, though ironically, several years later, the FCO, is now encouraging part-time work and job-sharing.

"I then had to resign and I remember thinking that if I'd trained as a solicitor, like so many of my friends, part-time work would have been no problem."

Pamela resigned and has now retrained as an EFL (English as a Foreign Language) teacher, a useful qualification for diplomatic wives working abroad. "In my position you have to be very flexible and it's a matter of having a job rather than a career."

And the future? The Gordons, now numbering five after the birth of a son in 1985, will be going abroad again next year and Pamela accepts that she may have to retrain again. As for the general problem of working wives, of which she is aware through her work on the DSWA committee, "I really don't know what the solution is. My husband has certainly been very understanding. He's had a lot to put up with."

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Teaching children to complain

Has Esther Rantzen spread her safety net for sexually abused children too wide?

At first I thought it was a reflection of my own dyspeptic nature. But as the evening wore on I became convinced that I was not the only person feeling profoundly uncomfortable with the BBC's new Childline — the free phone-in service for abused children. Esther Rantzen was suffused with caring, all right, but every time she explained her new role as the Beeb's supermum, I felt uneasy. There's a problem here, I said to myself.

It is not that I have any measure of understanding or sympathy for child abusers. Hanging's too good for them, I have always thought. As calls flooded the ChildLine phones, I could only wonder admiringly at Esther Rantzen's achievement. Singlehandedly, she has thrust child abuse into the popular consciousness. Still, the doubts began to nag.

Child abuse has always been a pretty clear cut business to me involving some thought of physical or sexual attack. Or extreme negligence. But Esther Rantzen had a broader view. Even the interviewer on Newsround seemed a little taken aback.

"Esther," he asked, "what range of problems are you dealing with?"

"Well, anything that troubles a child really," Esther replied. That turned out to include little girls afraid of the dark and little boys with school nerves. "I think," Esther continued, "that child abuse is anything that puts a child through pain, makes them feel uncomfortable and unhappy."

Under normal circumstances, of course, Esther Rantzen's views would concern only those close acquaintances who might be the object of her extraordinary breadth of compassion. But with the power of the state at her finger tips, Esther Rantzen's views take on a different complexion. A child's call to her Childline has consequences. It can result in state interference in the family, whether by drastic measures involving the police or by chatty social workers passing judgement on mother's sanctions for poor homework. None of us would deny the need for the state to interfere when it comes to real child abuse, but why should beleaguered parents now be under siege for a whole range of private parenting concerns?

Rantzen next turned her attention to the courtrooms. What seemed to worry her here was the difficulty of getting a conviction for child abuse. She advocated certain changes to set this right, such as the new Criminal Justice Bill. That Bill proposes putting children in separate rooms with a video link to the courtroom so that they may give evidence without having the "trauma" of facing the accused assailant in court.

Dangerous nonsense, I thought, the person accused of the crime is presumed to be innocent. By separating the child from the accused, you imply that the defendant did something very desperate and you reverse the onus of guilt, psychologically speaking. That may well improve the conviction rate — at the price of setting our traditional notion of justice on its head.

I understood the kind of world Esther Rantzen inhabited when the programme took us to a school, to show us, approvingly, the New Child. A group of them were singing a song with the chorus "My body's nobody's body but mine/You run your own body, let me run mine." I thought it was curious that we needed such a song in this age which rhapsodizes over people's rights to do with their bodies as they will regardless of the harm they cause others. Still, I let that pass.

Then an American woman named Michelle Elliot began asking the children what they would do about a bully who demanded their lunch. A sweet-faced girl said she would punch one in the face, but apparently this was the wrong answer. Another said she would run away and then tell. A lot of the children emphasized the need to tell with a very unchildlike self-satisfied air. "Excellent," said Michelle Elliot.

Well, I didn't think it was excellent at all. It reminded me of the spirit of the old scientific socialist society in which films were made about brave children who stood up and told on their parents. This, I thought, is how you train a population to complain, denounce and be proud of their dependency. You plant the idea in people from early childhood that if they are afraid in the dark, or have a problem with a bully, they just telephone the state. Is there anything more destructive to the family as a unit or in its relationship to the community as having outsiders brought in willy nilly to solve matters where no laws are broken?

Esther Rantzen: a broader view

You see, Esther, I want to help that bruised child as much as you. It's your remedy that I fear.

Barbara Amiel

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A round-up of news, views and information

Chewing the fat

"Hiya Chubbychops" is hardly the kind of greeting to lighten a wife's spirits. But according to recent research, women are all too frequently taunted by their partners about their attempts at dieting, and made to feel that their days of being slim and desirable are behind them. This compounds the contradiction they already feel between wanting to be seen as a provider of food and maternal comfort while wishing to remain sexually attractive to their husbands. Unhappily, the researchers — Nichola Charles from Swansea University and Marion Kerr from the Department of the Environment — were forced to concede that it is surprising that food phobias among women are not even more widespread.

Tum rumbled

For the little girl who has everything: in America, Mattel, creators of the most famous doll of all time, Barbie, have launched The Heart Family New Arrival set, comprising Daddy Heart (bearing flowers and toys), newborn Baby Heart (complete with tiny blanket, birth certificate and bottle) and Mrs Heart. All sweetly realistic until you look under Mrs Heart's voluminous maternity smock, to discover a tummy as nauseatingly flat as Barbie's.

It will probably be a while before the trio is featured in a new magazine called *What Toy* (£1.50 at newsagents). Aimed at any parent or grandparent who has emerged shellshocked from a visit to a toyshop with demanding children, The National Toy Libraries Association and Play Matters have assessed thousands of toys for children from 0-11 (including some of those with disabilities), and recommend 600 toys in this useful guide.

Quote me...

"I'd rather be with children than spend my time with politicians." Glenys Kinnock.

Sound advice

Premenstrual Syndrome has been known to drive otherwise sane women to distraction, if not unhinge them, and a high proportion experience at least some symptoms.

But instant advice and comfort are now just a telephone call away, thanks to The Association for Premenstrual Syndrome's HelpLine on (0483) 572806 (day), (09592) 4371 (night).

Testing time

Pinpointing the time of ovulation can be crucial to any woman trying to conceive. Until now this has usually relied on complicated temperature checking, but a new home fertility test from Tambrands (the makers of Tampax) uses the latest diagnostic techniques to determine accurately the time a woman is most likely to fall pregnant (though they're keen to point out it should not be used for contraceptive purposes). First Response is available from chemists, price £24.90 for the first six-day pack, with a three-day refill at £12.80.

Wagon trail

Equality has its downside — including a soaring alcoholism rate among women. Keith McNeill's *How to Say No to Alcohol* (Sheldon Press, £2.50) is an unpreachy memoir detailing practical methods of giving up or reducing your alcohol intake. As a journalist who abandoned alcohol, he's well-versed in the ways to resist without embarrassment the constant pressure from other people to drink.

Pigeonholed

The Pocket Guide to Men (Chalk & Cheese, £2.50) is good, not-always-clean fun full of the wit and wisdom exchanged by women "when," according to its authors, "there aren't any men around". The result is a frivolous, but well-observed little volume, stereotyping the Liberated Man, the TV Addict, the Saloon Bar Bore and so on.

Josephine Fairley

TALKBACK

From J.T. Masefield, Sunningdale, Berkshire

There may be some hope for at least some young people like Michelle (Mad, sad, or simply a bad case? October 23). My wife and I have a rather similar story with our son who is nearly 23. We discovered quite by accident that what was contributing to his utterly irrational episodes, and the self-destructive behaviour which was quite at variance with his previous loving nature, was some of the food he ate.

Pork, in particular, caused him to slash his forearms; he only ever did this after eating pork. He has now not eaten it for four years and he has not cut himself once.

Other reactions, characterized by psychiatrists as psychotic behaviour, schizoid withdrawal and alcoholism, also followed the ingestion of specific foods. He too became a menace to himself and others.

From Mrs M.E. Bulford, Shepperton, Middlesex

I would be interested to know if Michelle has ever been considered allergic to either food or chemicals. My own daughter, who is only eight years old, fell ill with terrible head and ear aches, fatigue, and depression. She became very withdrawn and sometimes had fits.

My GP and local hospital had no idea what was causing all these problems, so I took her to an allergy clinic. Following an elimination diet, it was discovered that she showed all the above symptoms whenever she ate pork, chicken, cheese, peanuts, milk, corn (glucose sugar) and beet sugar.

She now has de-sensitizing drops before each meal and is a normal, happy, healthy child again.

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Iron bars to race bar

The shadow of apartheid has been cast over a reunion next week of Colditz prisoners. Mike Moran, a former Royal Navy commander who has run the Colditz Association for 40 years, has invited the South African ambassador, Dennis Worrall, to a party next Friday to launch a new book, *Tunnelling Into Colditz*, by a South African mining engineer, Jim Rogers. Moran, in his circular to association members, says Rogers, known to fellow captives as "Old Horse", enthusiatically approves of his move. But Rogers' delight is not shared by one Colditz PoW who escaped from German custody. He is Indian and has written to Moran saying he will not be coming because of the invitation to Worrall. Moran says: "There were South Africans in every part of our war effort so our loyalties are still there — to hell with what's happening now."

Video Nazi

Rollocks restaurant, with its Banana Belgrano ice cream, has already been toppled from the top of my league of bad taste advertisements. A reader sends me a local paper ad garnished with a portrait of Hitler: "If Hitler had Sinclaire TV . . . he'd be watching more than warring. Sinclaire, the TV with a German accent."

● Spotted in Mexico City; a menu advertising sandwiches "with chicken leg or bosom."

Home rule

Fianna Fail supporters in Castlebar, County Mayo, have good reason for objecting to the local council's plans for a road bypass. The suggested route slices right through the birthplace of their leader, Charles Haughey. The former prime minister and present leader of the opposition has said he "doesn't wish to stand in the way" of the road. But the local party takes the view that to demolish the house — which already has a plaque on the wall celebrating its significance — would be a political ill omen, given that a general election has to be held within the next year.

Peacemeal

The government is celebrating International Year of Peace in a style which I can only describe as distinctive. The high point was to have been a Foreign Office seminar at Wilton Park in early September — during the holiday season — but this had to be cancelled for lack of interest. Now the FOC is asking people to a lecture by Sir Brian Urquhart at Chatham House on November 12. My informant, whose name was spelt wrongly on the invitation, tells me he would cross the Atlantic to hear the great UN Peacekeeper, but a week's notice is absurd; also, he could have heard Urquhart at the Central Hall a few weeks ago, along with a much larger audience than that accommodated by Chatham House.

BARRY FANTONI

'We all want to help the Tories, but with your sex life, forget it'

Miles behind

I discover an explanation for Edinburgh's humiliating defeat by Glasgow in the contest to be designated European City of Culture 1990. On the face of it Edinburgh, with its art galleries, its official festival, tattoo and fringe, would appear streets ahead of Glasgow, even given the latter's Burrell Collection and costly "Miles Better" PR campaign. I have it on the best authority, however, that Edinburgh council threw away its case in a disastrous application paper to Richard Luce, the Arts Minister. So inept was it that Malcolm Rifkind, Scottish Secretary, who represents an Edinburgh constituency, pleaded with Luce to give Edinburgh another chance. Incredibly, I understand, when its second attempt landed on Luce's desk, Rifkind was forced to admit it was just as bad.

● Even pub grub is falling victim to gentrification. A sign outside a Shaftesbury Avenue pub reads: "Ploughman's Quiche".

Family fare

I fear the Boots "Baby of the Year" competition being publicized at the Cannon cinema in Piccadilly is unlikely to attact many entries. The poster asks: "Are you the proud parent of a beautiful bouncing baby?" This must surely be answered in the negative by most of the current clientele: the two films showing are *Desert Hearts*, the tale of a lesbian affair, and *Parting Glances*, about a gay triangle in New York.

PHS

Can criminals go broke?

by D.A. Thomas

The Home Secretary's speech to the Conservative lawyers, emphasizing the government's intention to strengthen the powers of the courts to seize the profits of crime (a proposal foreshadowed in a white paper on criminal justice last March) will cause some puzzlement to lawyers familiar with existing sentencing legislation. The courts have had such powers for many years, in the shape of the Criminal Bankruptcy Order.

Under existing law an offender who inflicts losses totalling more than £15,000 on his victim can be made criminally bankrupt. The Director of Public Prosecutions may then petition for the appointment of a Receiver who will become vested with all the offender's property, with power to reopen past transactions. The Criminal Bankruptcy Order was recently described in the Court of Appeal as "a comprehensive and far-reaching means of obtaining satisfaction: the defendant can not only be stripped of his ill-gotten gains, but obliged to make recompense for all the loss which the injured party has suffered to the limit of his means."

The main limitation of the Criminal Bankruptcy Order results from its restriction to cases where the offender has inflicted a loss. It does not apply where the offender has made a profit without inflicting specific financial losses. This means that drug traffickers, in particular, are not subject to this sanction. Partly to meet this deficiency, Parliament has recently enacted the Drug Trafficking Offences Act, designed to provide a powerful means of stripping the drug trafficker of his profits. This Act, which passed through Parliament with enthusiastic support from both sides, is expected to come into effect some time next year.

Whether it will prove to be the scourge of the drug trafficker remains to be seen: one view is that it will cause more trouble than it is worth, and that it may possibly provide the drug trafficker with the means of delaying the pursuit of justice against him. This is because, for no obvious reason, Parliament has specified that the court must deal with the question of confiscation in every case of a drug trafficking offence. Experience suggests that the overwhelming majority of prosecutions which will attract the provisions of the Act will involve small-time pushers whose assets are extremely limited, and there is a danger that the Act will simply result in an unnecessary waste of time in an already overburdened Crown Court system.

More serious, at least in the relatively rare case of the big-time trafficker, is the requirement of the Act that the court must complete the process of making a confiscation order before imposing the principal sentence for the offence. This process involves three distinct steps, each of which may be complicated. The court must first decide whether the offender has benefited from drug trafficking, then assess the total value of his proceeds of his profit from drug trafficking, and then determine the total value of his realizable property, before it can pass sentence.

It is not difficult to see that a successful drug trafficker will be able to present his financial affairs in such a way that the first stage of this process will be long drawn out, particularly if he is able to secure release on bail in the meanwhile. These fears may be disproved by experience, but it can hardly be sensible policy to extend new and untried legislation, on which the ink is scarcely dry, when the need for new powers (as opposed to effective administration) is not demonstrated.

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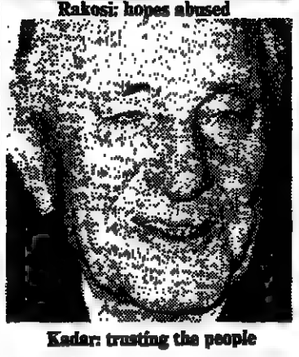
Thirty years after the Hungarian uprising, Gyorgy Aczel, a member of the ruling Politburo, argues that its aims and targets have been misrepresented throughout the West

Rakosi: hopes abused



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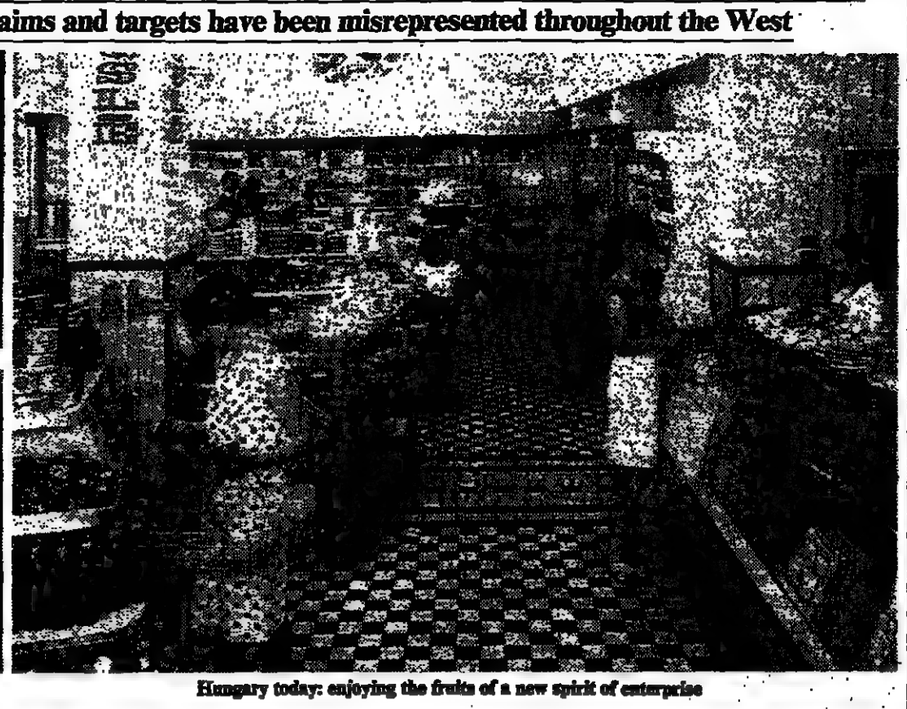

Hungary today: enjoying the fruits of a new spirit of enterprise

1956: only an episode on road to justice

Hungarians remember the events of 1956 in order to understand the present, and to stop us from straying once again into the error of past ways.

The Horthy regime, installed by joint Anglo-French efforts, ruled a country between the two world wars where 3.6 million (40 per cent of the population) enjoyed a weekly income which was the same as the price of three and a half pints of milk. Hundreds of thousands of field hands on large estates had no home of their own. "Worker" was a pejorative term in a country where the proletarian misery was much like that described by Dickens a century earlier.

The post-war years were a time when the energies of the people were set free. Unfortunately, however, from 1948 the Rakosi clique abused the people's legitimate hopes, their honest and active faith, and the ideals of socialism. That was the major cause of the national tragedy of 1956.

The break in socialist progress would not have happened without the counter-revolutionary struggle of reactionary forces. Even the West recognizes this to be true, although it supported, incited, and encouraged the counter-revolution. The speed with which Hungary was able to return to the socialist system, and not just restore law and order, offers positive proof that the people were merely disillusioned with the distortions of socialism and not with socialism itself.

The new leadership of the party based itself on putting its trust in people instead of suspecting everybody, shutting itself off from the outside world. The construction of socialism should continue on the understanding that in society, no man and no generation is so unimportant that it can be sacrificed for an objective.

That is why the deliberate self-restraint of power and the pluralism of values and interests that expresses the diversified nature of society must be manifest in a one-party system. We made a new start on the organization of agricultural cooperatives in 1958, and our success was such that it received international recognition. Both agricultural production and the income of the rural population were boosted. Food shortages became a thing of the past and — since various crop yields moved to the top of the scale — Hungary turned into a major exporter of agricultural produce.

Within a generation the number of manual workers in agriculture was reduced by four fifths and the number of those with professional qualifications of university standard grew six-fold. These professional people in no way resemble the professional men of old with their gentry manners and aspirations; nor do agricultural workers resemble the peasants their fathers were, or their own former selves. For they are now the masters of their own fate.

Between 1950 and 1980 the urban population grew from about two to four million, and the number of skilled workers has doubled. These 30 years are without precedent in the history of the Hungarian nation. That is true in spite of all the difficulties and all the anxieties that accompanied these changes.

Dry figures can only indicate the extent and rate of change. In 1960 18,000 privately-owned motor vechicles were licensed; the present figure is 1.5 million. International holiday travel is a growth industry. In the 1950s the number of tourists, in each direction, totalled only tens of thousands. In 1985 more than 15 million foreigners visited Hungary and 5.5 million Hungarians travelled abroad, about a quarter of them to non-Warsaw Pact countries. For many years now those who left the country in 1956-57, be it in confusion, because they found themselves confronted, or simply out of a sense of adventure, have been coming back to their old country on visits.

We are living in difficult times. For some years now we have been up against the consequences of restructuring in the world economy which have proved unfavourable to Hungary in the long term, as well as trying to cope with the modernization of our own economic structure. We cannot stand still but must take steps forward in the reform of economic management and of the economic structure, as well as carry on with the process of extending socialist democracy.

That is why our answer was not less, but more, and more meaningful, socialist democracy even at a time of diplomatic chills, unjustified embargos and discrimination, and a deterioration in the terms of trade. This was furthered by it being made compulsory to have more than one candidate in each election and by continuing with the right of veto for trades unions, while strengthening other rights they enjoyed, as well as their right to represent interests which devolve on the Chamber of Commerce and other institutions.

The state administrative apparatus was reorganized, greater autonomy was given to local councils, and a new Media Act was passed. Preparations are being made to introduce compulsory rotation all the way to the highest posts in the leadership. Socialist democracy cannot be confined to participation at elections every few years. The right to make one's voice heard on the job, a sense of ownership which is vital where property is held in common, and the need to strengthen the spirit of enterprise all mean that in as many enterprises as possible management should be chosen by the workforce.

Although people work too hard in Hungary today, productivity is still low. We must, therefore, shift to a higher gear. Naturally socialism to us means not only a growth in production but also a growth in welfare. We became communists to make sure that society should give men a chance to lead a meaningful and joyful life, that there should be more smiles on the faces of men and women and fewer tears in their eyes, that they should have a sense of security and a sense of dignity, that they should have aims that make sense and are realistic, and that they should look on this socialist country as their own. Our work for the past 30 years has been devoted to this, and this remains our aim for the future as well.

Humanity is the sole beneficiary of peaceful competition between the different social systems. And it is humanity that would perish should this competition degenerate into a fierce and senseless war. Let us compete for ways in which to offer a more free, complete, and meaningful life to mankind without oppressing, exploiting, or misleading others.

Nothing but trouble at the diploma mill

Washington

A highly critical report from one of America's leading research foundations has found that most of the country's 3,300 four-year undergraduate colleges and universities have lost their direction. The courses are fragmented, the teachers bored and cynical, the students neglected, the goals confused and the graduates unprepared for the real world.

The report, the result of a three-year study by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, says the undergraduate college is "a troubled institution." It cites soaring expenses, students with low academic standards and little intellectual curiosity, too much emphasis on "big-time" sport and poor coordination of intellectual and social life on campus.

The main criticism is that most university teachers, under career pressure to get ahead, spend too much time on research and too little on teaching. Students said they felt they were treated like a number instead of a person, especially in the large state universities with up to 40,000 students.

But the students themselves are not spared. The report says that in an average week one in four never goes to the library and two thirds use it for four hours or less. Many are excessively vocational, interested only in getting a profitable job, "so that I can make some money and then take it easy," as one said. They are "exceedingly passive." One professor remarked: "My students have no idea what scholarship in my department is all about." As a result, BA degrees in business studies have doubled from 114,865 in 1971 to 230,031 in 1984, while degrees in English have fallen from 57,026 to 26,419. Some colleges have dropped BA courses in such subjects as geology and music to emphasize business specialities such as restaurant management.

Many students arrive at university so incompetent in reading, writing and mathematics that they need remedial work. As one of the 5,000 lecturers interviewed in the study remarked: "The biggest problem I have with my students is getting them to read and write." One reason is the lack of selection; with too many colleges competing for too few students, there is little competition to get a place.

The Carnegie report is particularly worrying because it comes from one of the liberal foundations most identified with support for education. Its president, Dr Ernest Boyer, was US Commissioner of Education under President Carter. He said last week that American colleges suffer from conflicting priorities and competing special interests.

He recommends a number of reforms: applicants for university entry should have to submit a written essay; students should take a one-year English course, and their four-year curriculum should include a compulsory core of language, the arts, history, social and government institutions and the natural sciences.

Lack of money and rising fees had already led to talk of a crisis in American higher education which, with 12.3 million students and an annual bill of $102.2 billion, is a very important factor in the economy. The report found that many parents and taxpayers consider the cost — fees range from $1,000 a year at state institutions to $16,000 at private universities — to be outrageous.

The many confusions and disagreements on goals identified by the Carnegie report include a separation between academic and non-academic life and a mismatch between secondary and higher education. Similar concerns have been voiced by William Bennett, President Reagan's Secretary of Education, who recently told Harvard University that it was wasting students' fees, had failed to show clear educational purpose and did not provide a solid "moral education."

The Carnegie report illustrates how the end of the baby boom and growing public reluctance to spend tax dollars have taken their toll on American higher education. Many liberal arts colleges that thrived in the 1960s are struggling to survive, concentrating only on what seems "relevant" both to job-hungry students and to wary state legislatures. As Carnegie noted: "Driven by careerism and overshadowed by graduate and professional education, many . . . are more successful in credentialing than in providing a quality education." But the backlash has begun. Already public disquiet over the low standards of secondary schools in the US has fuelled a "back-to-the-basics" movement, led to tougher standards for teachers and renewed public concern over what happens in the classroom. Carnegie heralds a similar movement now in higher education. There is an ever louder clamour for academic excellence, for standards, rigour and intellectual responsibility. It is a movement liberals once denounced as élitism, a "more-means-worse" philosophy that hampered minorities and those from disadvantaged backgrounds. But now even the liberals believe it is time to tighten up.

Michael Binyon

Danny Finkelstein

More democratic than socialist

"Socialism is what Labour governments do". That was the sophisticated political philosophy of Herbert Morrison. Now, along with many of Morrison's other beliefs, Labour activists believe the reverse: "Socialism is what Labour governments didn't do."

Labour activists have drawn an odd conclusion from the past three decades in government and opposition. They have blamed the failure on the betrayal of democratic socialism by Labour politicians in office. They are confident about facing the rigours of office only now that they have replaced "the revisionist traitors" of the last Labour government, evil people like Fred Mulley, with honest socialists like Roy Hattersley and Gerald Kaufman. Eventually, of course, these bastions of socialism will themselves be denounced and replaced by even sturdier bastions.

At its inception, the SDP advanced a more sensible but still only partially correct argument. Labour's failure was blamed on the nature of the party. The formal link with the trade unions, the homage paid to Clause IV, the antipathy of Labour to international alliances and increasing Trotskyite infiltration . . . all these shortcomings had made the modernization of British socialism impossible. Only a new party, free from these debilitating defects, could take proper advantage of the rich democratic socialist tradition.

Gradually, over the last five years, the SDP's analysis has changed. The democratic socialist tradition itself is seen to be at fault. Most SDP members see central flaws in socialism which cannot be removed simply by "modernization". They also see the importance of other political traditions and acknowledge their influence.

In debates at SDP conferences very few members can now be found who equate social democracy with democratic socialism. Members are much more likely to state that the SDP is a "new party". They do not, of course, suggest that political history began in 1981, but they do suggest that the SDP is a new and creative synthesis of many political traditions rather than the narrow product of one.

The perceived deficiencies in democratic socialism are numerous. The most important is that democratic socialism sees democracy as simply the means to socialist ends. As socialist politicians become more powerful they simply stress more and more emphatically that socialist ends will take a long time to achieve.

For the social democrat, on the other hand, no end is foreseen to the political process; there will always be conflicts of interest and of value that will have to be conciliated. The democratic socialist tradition and its adherents will always undervalue the importance of democracy and oppose its reform if it inconveniences the achievement of socialist ends.

There is a further criticism: that democratic socialists pursue equality to the exclusion of other aims and yet are vague on the nature of the egalitarian society they are seeking; that the tradition is antipathetic to the price mechanism while presenting no workable alternative; that it accepts an over-simplified and outdated class analysis.

No politician, however honest, can overcome the deficiencies of such a tradition. No party, however modern its institutions, can afford to be restricted to thinking only in terms of such a philosophy. It is this gradual realization that has characterized the development of the SDP. It has not moved to the right, but has simply grown up. The SDP does not, of course, deny the significance of democratic socialism. It owes to this tradition its determination to fight economic injustice, its desire to eradicate class distinction and its resolve to redistribute wealth. But it is now prepared to acknowledge a debt to other philosophical traditions.

Perhaps the best example is its readiness to accept that the new Liberal tradition is as important to the party as the socialist tradition. The SDP has learnt from the new Liberals the importance of the individual and of liberty. It has learned a healthy scepticism about the benevolence of all central state activity. It has learned the importance of political reform. It has learned that the reformer's job is to combat injustice as it becomes evident rather than to follow social blueprints.

Many members of the SDP have also had the confidence to admit what to many Labour activists would be anathema: that there is much good in the often neglected tradition of Tory democracy. The Tory democrats have bequeathed to the SDP a belief in national unity, in compromise and in consensus. The SDP has accepted, too, the unity of rights and responsibilities and the value of pragmatic rather than dogmatic change.

From these traditions and influences and from others — continental social democracy, American liberalism, the feminist movement — has come the synthesis of ideas that is the philosophy of the SDP. From the formation of this synthesis comes also the determination that the future of politics should lie in the competition of many different ideas rather than a clash between two outdated ones.

Labour, on the other hand, is destined to spend its days in fratricidal conflict over the bones of a dead philosophy. However good Neil Kinnock is on television, however well it does at the next election, the truth is, to use Tony Crosland's comment on public spending: "The party's over".

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***moreover* . . . Miles Kington**

Your very own male model

The first of the glittering new Young Entrepreneur of the Month awards was made at the weekend by the proprietor of Moreover Enterprises himself, Lord Moreover. Lord Moreover has always believed in encouraging industry in others, usually by keeping them at the office till midnight, and it was with a keen sense of anticipation that the distinguished guests sped up the M1 on Sunday evening. The ceremony itself took place in the Pork Scratchings service area conference suite, which represents everything that is best about British business.

At 9.35 precisely, just as the coffee was being cleared away and poured back into containers ready for the next gala dinner, Lord Moreover flew in by helicopter and was whisked to the microphone to make hisspeech, which was handed to him by a team of scriptwriters.

"Ladies and gentlemen, this is the first Young Entrepreneur of the Month award ceremony, which is designed to help young people to get their first footing on the ladder which leads to the heights of the black economy. As a young man I arrived in London without a penny in my pocket, and by 4.30 pm the same day I had already made my first million. What was my secret? I'll tell you. I didn't waste time poncing around at Young Entrepreneur of the Month ceremonies — I went straight out and supplied what other people demanded.

"But enough of myself. The competition for this premier award, made possible by the Moreover charitable foundation, Tax Dodge Aid, has been intense. And some of the entrants have been quite ingenious. For instance, I was very struck with the contestant who has set up a small catering firm for weddings. For the wedding ceremony itself, that is — he mans a well-stacked drinks trolley up and down the aisles of churches.

"I was also quite taken by a lady who has invented lighter-than-air garments. Her idea is that if shoulder-pads are filled with lighter-than-air gases, this will take the weight off the feet. Similarly, a brassiere with the same asset will give more, um, uplift. Ingenious, but no use to me personally. The same cannot be said for another entrant who has devised a way of making a profit on the Stock Exchange without anyone knowing. However, I have come to a private arrangement with him and he has now withdrawn to work for me.

"The winner, though, is a young firm which has devised an inflatable male companion. Yes, you heard me. An inflatable male friend. In the shoddier shops of Soho you can, I believe, purchase inflatable females if you are going to the South Pole. But this is something quite different — it is aimed at the many lone females who dread going into restaurants or pubs by themselves because of male reaction. Now, at last, they have someone who will sit opposite and will be courteous, companionable and quiet. There is another inflatable model who will walk you home at night in complete safety, and if you saw his fierce appearance you would understand why. In many ways these inflatables are much more useful than real men.

"The inflatable man has many other uses. He can be left in a dining-car or railway coach seat to reserve it. He can be left under a car, with his legs sticking out, so that a prying traffic warden will think the car is being mended. He can be left by the pool at the crack of dawn, to keep the sunbathing place at your hotel which would otherwise be taken by Germans. He can head government commissions, answer telephones at theatres or do any other job which requires total immobility.

"In my case, I shall certainly buy one or two to take to public dinners, to sit next to me. They are bound to be better company than the people normally placed at my side. In any case, I am delighted to present the award to Young Inflatables of Croydon. The prize, of course, is a chance to sell all rights and assets exclusively to Moreover Enterprises. They have until this time tomorrow to think it over. The rest of you, no doubt, will get very drunk at my expense."

So saying, his Lordship pocketed several cigars, bade his wife good night and disappeared towards the helicopter prior to who knows what assignation.

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THE GREATER GAME

Few things in the Middle East are what they seem. While the world was still rejoicing with Dr David Jacobsen over his release from captivity in Lebanon – and congratulating Mr Terry Waite for helping to bring this about – it became apparent last night that both men played only small parts in a play of much greater political consequence.

Even that hardly describes the revelations, which we print on page 12 today, of the intrigue involving five governments and the freedom of innocent men. The mission of Mr Robert McFarlane, a former National Security Adviser in Washington, allegedly travelling to Iran on an Irish passport with a planeload of arms, a signed Bible from his President and a parcel of cakes for Ayatollah Khomeini, must count among the strangest in diplomatic history. Beside that, the more familiar New Testament presence of Mr Waite, dressed in his cassock and descending from an aircraft in a war-ravaged corner of the Third World to bargain for captured men's lives, seems comparatively mundane. What are we to make of it?

That there was less than met the eye to Mr Waite's criss-crossing of the Levant, should not be a surprise. He is no miracle man and it has looked for some time as if the West was beginning to expect too much of him. As the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy extraordinary, he approaches any crisis as a man of God – representing Christian values and humanity. The hostages in Lebanon are being held by men more interested in politics than piety – though willing to use both in the cynical pursuit of their objectives. In short, there was clearly a price to pay beyond Mr Waite's spiritual resources.

It now seems clear that the release of Dr Jacobsen was engineered by politicians engaged in the complex politics of the Middle East and at a far higher level than anyone could have supposed. The governments of Syria, Iran and the United States, presumably France and apparently Kuwait, would seem to have been involved in a secret bargaining round over arms supplies and influence, in which the safety of innocent men and the emotions of their families have been once more part of a greater game.

It all makes for feelings of profound unease. To buy the release of innocent men by freeing convicted murderers from jail or to deal in the murky underworld of the arms trade and political allegiances, is to risk surrendering the high ground to terrorists. Short-term relief can be bought by such means only at the cost of long-term anxiety and grief. Gradually the response to terrorism has been toughening as more and more governments have come to recognise this general principle.

It is hard to make lasting judgements on this strange affair. The details are only now emerging and there will doubtless be denials and counter-claims in the coming week. But at first sight it looks as if the United States, which has taken the lead in confronting the forces of international terrorism has been carrying the on the kind of negotiations it has publicly condemned. While it may not nave entered into talks directly with the terorists themselves, it has bought the cooperation of the Iranian government at a price which is of doubtful acceptability.

For the Syrians and the Iranians, both of whom have clearly been involved, there can be little sympathy. The course of events would seem to justify the long-standing suspicion that both governments have had it in their power to secure the release of at least some of the hostages in Lebanon. If they have chosen to exercise that power only when they have secured the right political price, they deserve contempt not gratitude.

Mr Waite himself would seem to have been used as decoy in this affair. There is no reason to suspect his motives and he must, by his courage and industry, emerge as the one unblemished player in the plot. But he has been in danger for some time of becoming an institutionalised figure, whose good will could be abused by governments. He might need to reassess his interests if indeed this is starting to happen.

LOOKING THROUGH THE LEFT

Mr Kinnock has tried his best this year to convey the impression that the only threat to democracy comes from the Militant organization, and that he has dealt with it. He ignores (though the general public will not forget) the rest of the hard left, which from so many inner city town halls and constituency parties, uses its power to flout public wishes, and which will have more MPs in the next Parliament, whatever the result of the election.

Yet to focus on the hard left, also distorts the picture of the Labour Party. If the rest of the party were soundly committed to democratic values, the hard left could be eradicated. But the rest of the party is not so committed, which is why Mr Kinnock dare not strike at the wider hard left as he does at the Militants. He is inhibited by the fact that the so-called soft left, from which he himself sprang, is now the pivot on which the Labour Party balances, and the soft left protects the hard.

The soft left is separated from the hard for two reasons. It understands that the quasi-revolutionary policies of the hard left's "party democracy" repel voters. More disinterestedly, when faced with the authoritarian logic of so much left-wing thinking, the soft left genuinely flinches from it.

So why does the soft left protect the hard? One reason is fear of alienating supporters who control so much of Labour's local party machinery. They do not want a civil war in advance of a general election. There is also a residual feeling that these are "our people" who cannot be disowned; socialists with the same ultimate vision who could be kept in place once Mr Kinnock was in power.

But the distortion in the picture really arises from the enforced unity brought about by the soft left between itself and the so-called moderates, represented by Mr Hattersley, Mr Kaufman, Mr John Smith and their like. This only exists because the soft left is pivotal and controls the party, forcing the moderates to swallow a range of leftist policies from Mr Healey's acceptance of a wholly non-nuclear policy to Mr Hattersley's highly controlled economic policy, of which the latest manifestation is his announcement this week of his ideas for subjecting pension funds to controls. The crucial fact about the Labour Party is not the position of the hard versus the soft left but the extent to which the two together have forced the moderates to toe their line.

Last week's Shadow Cabinet elections were widely interpreted as showing a split between the hard and soft left to the benefit of the moderates. The Tribune (soft) and Campaign (hard) groups had failed to agree on a slate, over a technical argument about voting. As a result, two of the Tribune Group, Mr Robin Cooke, Mr Kinnock's chief campaign strategist, and Mr Robert Hughes, were voted off. Their places were taken by Dr David Clark, of the Solidarity (moderate) group and Mr Bryan Gould, a politician of clear ability, who is among the most moderate of the soft left. Mr Gould now has Mr Cook's old job; Dr Clark has the job of Environment protection

But this shift to the centre on a technical argument about Shadow Cabinet voting signifies no more than the shift to the left last year when both groups had a pact. Soft left policies now generally prevail in the party. They have much in common with those of the hard left. The question now is how clearly the electorate will understand this.

The signs are not encouraging for Mr Kinnock. A Gallup survey of the 16-29 year age-group has found that on nuclear defence policy opinion is almost exactly divided in the group where he expected most support, and where Labour is generally in the biggest lead. At the same time, a Marplan poll has shown a two to one rejection of Labour's nuclear policy. Overall, the Conservatives seem to have caught up Labour in the opinion polls. The general public usually has the knack of registering what the real state of a party is. Perhaps it has understood the shift that has taken place in the structure of the Labour Party and what it portends.

CHUNNEL BLUES

The initial enthusiasm for the Channel tunnel project has taken several knocks in recent weeks. This was perhaps to be expected. The media excitement with which such important national projects are launched inevitably gives way to a period in which the the doubters nibble away. To use a Budget metaphor we are now at the "finance bill" stage when the grand certainties of Budget day are subject to the detailed scrutiny and organised opposition of the sceptics.

This feeling of hesitancy ought to pass away as the project becomes further advanced. It would be a tragedy if, having secured a political consensus on both sides of the Channel and having finally agreed a preferred scheme, the back-biting were so to delay the project that it ran out of impetus altogether.

Yesterday the Transport Secretary, Mr John Moore, spoke of his dismay at the "suspicion and inertia" towards the tunnel and the "paralysing fear of change" which it generated. He acknowledged – perhaps not soon enough – that the project touched a sensitive nerve and that the Government would therefore have to work all the harder to convince those who have reservations about it.

There are various streams of dissent. The local concerns of the people of East Kent are perhaps the most straightforward. Projects on this scale are seldom free from environmental costs and as far as possible these doubts must be assuaged.

Job worries may be even more pressing but they come more clearly into the category of "fear of change". Certainly there will be some impact on the ferries but equally there will be new jobs created by the tunnel itself. More important for the country as a whole, easier communications with the continent will create new jobs in a whole range of industries to whom trade links are vital.

More difficult to address, because more nebulous, is the deep-seated feeling that we are more secure as an island and that we by-pass maritime protection at our peril. Only time and familiarity are likely to prove an effective antidote to instinctive insularity.

Scepticism in the City about the project's financial appeal is not entirely unrelated to these other strands of opposition. An investment which arouses no political sensitivities is always preferable to one that is controversial on so many fronts. But the more important reason for the difficulties encountered by Eurotunnel and its advisers in raising initial equity finance have more to do with the likely attractions of competing investment opportunities, not least the future privatisations planned by the Government.

The difficulties are unfortunate because the tunnel is the archetype of privately financed infrastructure projects which could provide a high proportion of the increased capital investment for which MPs in all parties have regularly called. On a much smaller scale the proposed Dartford bridge is another interesting step along this path.

If the Treasury can agree that the risk involved in these projects is genuinely in the private sector and the financing not part of public spending then an important constraint on the improvement of the country's capital assets will be lifted. Investment will also be subject to the judgement of the market rather than the more erratic discrimination of politicians.

Difficulties in financing a project the size of the Channel tunnel do not necessarily imply difficulties for other more modest infrastructure projects in the private sector. The Government should press ahead with this aspect of its programme.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Aids screening for high-risk groups

From Professor M. B. Bracken

Sir, The lack of either a vaccine or cure for Aids (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) leaves only one other method of epidemic control – preventing the transmission of infection. Educational programs will have little impact and, indeed, cannot be properly evaluated unless they are linked to a massive, voluntary and confidential Aids screening program.

Serologic tests can now identify human immunodeficiency virus with reasonable accuracy and seropositive individuals should be the focus of education and counseling since they are the potential transmitters of the disease.

Given limited resources it is less efficient (and almost certainly less effective) to try and educate the entire population, although common sense demands some expenditure of effort here also.

Moreover, only by measuring a decline in the rate of seropositive individuals in the population will we know that our educational and preventive measures (such as the provision of sterile needles to drug abusers) are working and that the epidemic is being brought under control.

Screening does not need to be universally mandatory if large enough segments of the population volunteer – a prospect which should be easier as Aids is increasingly recognised to be a disease which affects those outside the known high-risk groups. Mandatory testing is necessary for some individuals (blood, organ and sperm donors) and, possibly, ought to be for others (health professionals, the Armed Forces, and convicted prostitutes).

The Aids epidemic has the potential for becoming the greatest threat to civilization since the bubonic plague and only draconian public health measures are likely to bring about its control.

Yours sincerely,
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From Dr L. J. Donaldson

Sir, The suggestion raised in the Thames Television programme *This Week*, and supported by the majority of viewers polled, that screening of the general population for the Aids virus should be introduced adds to the already complex ethical and moral issues surrounding the disease.

The decision as to whether to embark on a programme to detect the presence of a disease, or marker for a disease, in a population the majority of whom are not symptomatic is still governed by principles promulgated under the auspices of the World Health Organisation in the late 1960s.

The most fundamental of these is an ethical one: it highlights the distinction between testing which takes place in the usual clinical situation when a patient seeks help from a doctor because he has recognised that he is in need of medical care, and population screening, where in fact the individual probably believes himself to be healthy.

In this latter case, doctors or agencies offering the screening are doing so with the clear implication that a health benefit will accrue to the individual: that early treatment of the disease (if present) will result in a favourable outcome.

With the present state of knowledge of the natural history of Aids, screening would not be acceptable on this criterion.

Could screening then be justified in the interests of the public health? With other infectious diseases, screening for the carrier state is seldom done on whole populations rather than high-risk groups or contacts of cases and, when it is, the carrier as well as the general population will often benefit.

The person coming forward for population screening for Aids would be doing so on purely altruistic grounds: that by being detected, he may alter his behaviour so as not to infect others.

At the pragmatic level, if attempts were made to screen the general population, and bearing in mind that in a democratic society it is unlikely that a compulsory approach could be used, the lessons of other screening programmes are that the group at greatest risk are the least likely to come forward for screening.

It seems likely, therefore, that the battle against Aids must be waged with screening being deployed on a selected basis and that action within the general population will be directed at increasing knowledge, changing attitudes and particularly behaviour: practical problems no less challenging but safer moral and ethical ground.

Yours sincerely,
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October 31.

From Mr R. J. C. Hill

Sir, The last paragraph of your editorial on Aids today (October 30) admirably points a finger at a Government which has, to date, totally failed to grasp the moral issues involved.

There is now, surely, an obligation on the churches of all denominations to take the initiative by preaching the morality which has always been a part of their creed.

This could be done in an informed way, preferably in close collaboration with the medical profession and also with our schools. Many parents must feel a desperate need for this kind of pastoral help in its widest sense.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD HILL,
The Old Vicarage,
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Red Cross troubles

From the Chairman of the Council of the British Red Cross Society

Sir, I have just returned from the 25th international conference of the Red Cross in Geneva, where I led the British Red Cross delegation.

Before the conference, national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies had assembled and, led by African Red Cross societies, had pledged support for the humanitarian work of the South African Red Cross.

It was the Government delegation of Kenya who introduced the motion to suspend the South African Government delegation from the conference. The British Red Cross, the International Committee of the Red Cross and 50 other delegations, mostly Red Cross, refused to participate in this unconstitutional vote because of the paramount need to uphold the principles of neutrality and impartiality which unite the Red Cross movement but do not bind governments.

The international conference has now ended and with it the *de facto* suspension of the South African Government delegation. I hope the South African Government will therefore reconsider the expulsion from South Africa of ICRC representatives.

The humanitarian work of the British Red Cross and the International Committee of the Red Cross will continue. These efforts need more support than ever from those who wish to uphold impartial standards of humanity.

Yours faithfully,
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Mortgages and RPI

From Mr J. L. Carr

Sir, It has always seemed anomalous that increases in interest rates that are from time to time needed to sustain the exchange rate, curb excessive monetary growth, or damp down expectations of inflation should, in the short run, appear to add to inflation.

The weight given to mortgage interest in the retail price index must at times put political obstacles in the way of interest rate changes that are desirable on economic grounds, and when the Government does sanction an increase there is an automatic rise in public spending since pensioners, who do not pay much mortgage interest, receive higher pensions because the RPI has increased by more than their living costs – at the same time as those with savings invested in building societies receive higher incomes in the form of interest.

As the housing component of the RPI cannot be representative, because of the enormous differences in the housing costs of council tenants, private tenants, owner-occupiers with recent mortgages and owner-occupiers whose houses are unencumbered or mortgaged for a fraction of their present-day value, there seems no particular virtue in the index as it is today. Nor, since housing costs have risen so much faster than other prices in the last half century, would it be right to exclude housing from the RPI.

But surely our statisticians could devise a suitable index, taking in rents and construction costs, and possibly new house prices, to show the trend in housing costs instead of the short-term fluctuations in the cost of a "typical" mortgage?

Yours faithfully,
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Bamber adoption

From the Director of the Church of England Children's Society

Sir, In your background report on Jeremy Bamber (October 29) you stated that his adoption had been arranged by this society. I would like to make it clear that this statement was not based on information from this organisation.

Adoption agencies are entrusted with a great deal of confidential information which is given to them on the understanding that it will not be divulged to anyone else and this duty of confidentiality is reinforced by statute. It would be regrettable if your report seemed to give the impression that adoption agencies are providing confidential information to the Press.

Yours faithfully,
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October 31.

Grand Prix failings

From Mr Greg Masters

Sir, Lord Killearn (October 31) has totally missed the point. The object in all motor racing is to be first to the chequered flag. The role of the team and pit crew is to assist the car and driver in meeting this objective.

In Grand Prix racing, it is the case that cars can normally complete the distance in a shorter time when equipped with soft (and likely less durable) tyres than they can with tyres capable of going the full distance. Similar arguments are valid regarding mid-distance refuelling, but this practice was outlawed some time ago on safety grounds.

Yours faithfully,
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BBC reporting under fire

From Mr Glyn James

Sir, Perhaps Mr Tebbit and his political mistress are unaware that some of us are more interested in the preservation of a free expression of views than in their evidently acute anxieties about the outcome of the next general election.

Is it not the case that the Government's own selective reporting of certain events to Parliament over recent months has blackened the Tebbit/Thatcher pot so much that they desperately seek out a kettle – any kettle?

What after seven years of already uninterrupted power do they want – a one governing-party State and a country which relies entirely for its political news and comment upon those popular dailies which support the Conservative party?

No! I will gladly continue to pay the BBC licence fee, if only as an expression of confidence in one of the few sources of objective reporting left in the media.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Eric R. Wilkinson

Sir, The reaction of the BBC to Mr Tebbit's letter about Libyan air-strike reporting has followed a well tried PR principle, exemplified by the anecdote of the visiting preacher finding his predecessor's sermon notes discarded in the pulpit and noticing a pencil remark scribbled in the margin: "Argument weak here – shout like blazes!"

Many of those who have chosen, on this occasion, to defend the BBC are also well grounded in PR. "If the target is difficult to defend," they reflect, "change the target". So they react as though the criticism was of the facts reported, rather than of the comment which somehow got mixed up with the facts.

When the smokescreens have dispersed, it will be interesting to read the BBC's reply to the valid points made in Mr Tebbit's letter.

Yours sincerely,
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Gorbachov meeting

From General Sir John Hackett

Sir, It was made known at the time of the Geneva summit last November that the Vice-Chairman of CND in Britain, Monsignor Bruce Kent, had been received in audience by the Secretary General of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. I have nowhere seen any account of what was said between them.

It has long been perfectly clear to very many of us that Mr Gorbachov's laudable intention to ease the USSR out of the shackles fastened on it by the old guard was impossible to fulfil without a sharp movement of industrial resource away from military procurement toward the satisfaction of civilian demand. The industrial strength of the USA is such that it can very easily produce huge quantities of military hardware while continuing at the same time to satisfy all domestic demands for consumer durables.

The USSR cannot, and probably no one knows this better than Mr Gorbachov. It was therefore abundantly clear that if the so-called "peace movements" in the West failed to secure a unilateral reduction in arms levels, without negotiation, the USSR would without any question at all have to return to the negotiating table.

The "peace movements" failed. So what, if anything, did the head of an officially atheist State say to this Christian priest? There are certainly very many people who would like to know.

Yours faithfully,
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White poppies

From Mr A. J. Augarde

Sir, Your correspondents (October 31) seem to misunderstand the intention of the white poppy. It is not intended to replace the red poppy but simply to offer an alternative for those people to whom the red poppy has become too closely associated with militaristic ceremonies of remembrance.

Rose Simpson, the General Secretary of the Co-operative Women's Guild which instituted the white poppy in 1933, said: "The white poppy is not a piece of political propaganda. It is a definite pledge to peace that war must not happen again."

Yours faithfully,
A. J. AUGARDE,
18 Carlton Road, Oxford.
October 31.

From Mrs Marjorie Charlton

Sir, It seems appropriate at this time to report that I still have in my possession a real red poppy sent to me from the trenches at Bully-Grenay, France, by an old friend of mine in the RAMC attached at that time, 1916, to the 317th Royal Field Artillery.

It still retains its red colour, without a hint of white, and bears its poignant message all the better for it.

Yours faithfully,
MARJORIE CHARLTON,
Knowlfield,
Exton, Exeter, Devon.
November 1

ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 5 1936

The Tynesiders who marched from Jarrow to Westminster in 1936 may not have immediately improved their lot, but they have linked the name of their town with unemployment ever since. Starting on October 5 some 200 of them covered the 300 miles in 27 days ("On This Day", November 2, 1985). Two years after the march unemployment had dropped from 80 per cent to 30 per cent

Jarrow's Petition

By the constitutional method of petition the people of Jarrow and the people of Tyneside have appealed to Parliament to go to the help of a town that lost almost all its employment when its shipyard and its ironworks were closed. For years the town has cherished hopes of a resuscitation of its industry and has been additionally afflicted by one disappointment after another. What was at first an industrial calamity, acute but not necessarily irreparable, has since received hard ratification through the operation of what are described as rationalization schemes. Both the shipbuilding and the iron and steel industries have taken decisions which forbid the revival in Jarrow of the industries which made it and for years kept it prosperous. The people of Jarrow are therefore the sufferers from decisions that they could not influence and that have been to the benefit of other places. They have done what they could for themselves, and they have had the disinterested help of SIR JOHN JARVIS, who has laboured not only to reduce the hardship of the town's unemployment but also to attract employment. The town's latest action has been this appeal to Parliament. All Tyneside has supported Jarrow's special plea for the resources of the Government to be employed so as to turn industry to the town . . .

Jarrow will appreciate sympathy, but its petition to Parliament asks for work. Jarrow's position is not altogether typical of the distressed areas because it is a modern town advantageously situated on a great waterway, and moreover it is closely linked by excellent transport facilities with the rest of Tyneside. In its want of employment, however, it has a tragic equality with other distressed areas and it is but a part of a far greater national problem. The reiteration of the plea that the Government should actively assist the settlement of industries in the distressed areas has evoked no response from Ministers. Having provided means for financing small industries and (through the Special Areas Commissioner) for establishing trading estates, and having also begun the building of two or three factories in the areas and distributed many orders for munitions that will increase the available employment in the country generally and, to some extent, in the scheduled areas (although not in the worst parts of them), the Government are waiting. What is in the minds of those who appeal for more direct and immediate action to influence the location of industry is that, if the opportunity of the present industrial activity is lost, it may never recur. It is much too late in the day to suggest that the condition of industry and the location of industry are not direct concerns of the Government. In fact national policy is to some extent responsible for the circumstances of the distressed areas, and the virtual veto of the proposal to construct a new steel works at Jarrow was only made possible by the monopolistic powers possessed by the British Iron and Steel Federation, which enjoys the protection of a high tariff. National policy can as justifiably be directed to the planting in the distressed areas of new industries as to the safeguarding of old industries. It does not follow that each decayed mining village must have a little industry of its own; modern transport as well as industrial requirements make such a suggestion ridiculous. But new industries are required to save the distressed areas from a lingering death; and, if private enterprise stands aside, it becomes the more necessary that the Government should act.

A barred game

From Mr Gerald Leach

Sir, Regarding the complaint of your correspondent Mr Victor Hext (October 31) that he was requested to transfer his game of piquet from the saloon to the public bar, he may be unaware that in any case he would be acting illegally, as under the gaming laws this game is prohibited on licensed premises together with all other card games with the exception of cribbage (for modest stakes).

Together with some friends, I was recently requested by the landlord of a pub to discontinue a friendly game of poker in the public bar, our stakes consisting of match-sticks.

Yours faithfully,
GERALD LEACH,
35 Beachfield Road,
Bembridge,
Isle of Wight.
October 31.

From Mr George Strang

Sir, No doubt your readers will provide many examples of inverted social discrimination in sport. My own experience is limited to being banished from a pub with friends for singing. The landlord explained that the "wall-to-wall" music which was enjoyed by his better class customers was in danger of not being heard. He obligingly moved our glasses to the counter in the public bar.

Yours faithfully,
GEO STRANG,
61 Manor Drive,
Hinchley Wood,
Esher, Surrey.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 4: His Excellency Mr Sudhee Prasasvinitchai was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessors and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Thailand to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Mr Vikrom Koompirochana (Minister Counsellor), Captain Prida Karasuddhi (Defence and Naval Attaché), Group Captain Amorn Neawnalee (Air Attaché), Colonel Kamol Dapparungsi (Military Attaché), Mrs Piswong Anukrahanond (Counsellor), Mr Sukasem Yothasamutr (First Secretary), Mr Akrasid Amatayakul (Second Secretary) and Mrs Supasiri Amatayakul (Second Secretary).

Mrs Prasasvinitchai had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by The Queen was present, and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr D M McBain (Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Antananarivo) and Mrs McBain had the honour of being received by The Queen.

The Earl of Swinton had the honour of being received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Captain of Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard and delivered up his Stick of Office.

The Viscount Davidson had the honour of being received by The Queen upon his appointment as Captain of Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard and received his Stick of Office.

The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Chancellor of the University of London, this morning opened the new extension to the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London, SE5.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Vice-Chancellor of the University (the Lord Flowers).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Honorary President of the Chartered Institute of Transport, attended the Anniversary Luncheon, to celebrate the founding of the Institute in 1919 and the grant of a Royal Charter in 1926, at the Connaught Rooms, London, WC2.

Her Royal Highness was received by the President of the Institute (Mr G Myers).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Chancellor of the University of London, this afternoon opened the Hunterian Institute at the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2.

During the afternoon Her Royal Highness was admitted an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips was received on arrival by the Vice-Chancellor of the University (the Lord Flowers) and the President of the College (Mr Ian Todd).

Mrs Timothy Holderness Roddam was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 4: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Patron of the Heart Disease and Diabetes Research Trust, opened the Cavendish Clinic, Wellington Road, this afternoon.

Lady Elizabeth Cavendish was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron, was present this evening at the Annual General Meeting of the BLOT (British Library of Tape Recordings for Hospital Patients) at Drapers' Hall, London, EC2.

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 4: The Duke of Kent, Vice Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, today visited British Aerospace plc at Warton, Preston, Lancashire.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Sir Richard Buckley.

Richmond Tutorial College

Mr Carey Palmer, principal of Richmond Tutorial College, has appointed Mr R.H. Barker, Bursar of Richmond Tutorial College, for the academic year 1986/87 and Mr D.R. Martin, Registrar and senior tutor. Mr G. Read and Miss J. De Leon have been appointed visiting tutors.

Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for the Disabled

All tickets for the Guinness and Oyster luncheon to be held on November 19, at the Mansion House, in aid of Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for the Disabled have been sold.

Service Dinners

The Royal Hussars (PWO)
The regimental dinner of The Royal Hussars (PWO) was held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Colonel Sir Piers Bengough, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

RAF Strike Command
Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Fieldhouse, Chief of the Defence Staff, and Lady Fieldhouse were the guests of honour at a ladies' guest night dinner held at HQ Strike Command yesterday. Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Harding, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief RAF Strike Command, and Lady Harding received the guests. Group Captain R.E.E. Hart presided and Wing Commander P.B. Holmes, accompanied by Mrs Holmes, was dined out on his retirement from the service.

A memorial service for Viscount Bearsted will be held at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St John's Wood Road, at 5pm today.

Birthdays today

Mr R. W. Annand, VC, 72; Viscount Bangor, 81; Mr John Berger, 60; the Right Rev F. W. Cocks, 73; General Sir John Hackett, 76; Dr Paul Knapman, 42; the Rev Professor John Marsh, 82; Mr Nicholas Maw, 51; Mr John Morris, QC, MP, 55; Mr Lester Piggott, 51; Lord Stallard, 65; Sir Reginald Verdon-Smith, 74.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr Timothy King, to be a Deputy Judge advocate from October 27, 1986.
Mr Robin Laurie, to be a Circuit Judge on the South-eastern Circuit.
Mr William Hamilton Raymond Crawford, QC, to be a Circuit Judge on the North-eastern Circuit.
Mr Keith E. Lacy to be joint County Court Registrar for the districts of the Corby, Huntingdon, Kettering, Northampton, Peterborough and Wellingborough County Courts and joint District Registrar in the District Registry of the High Court at Northampton and Peterborough, from December 1, 1986.
Sir John S Wordie, Mrs OL Aikin, Mr HG De Ville, Mr RA Farrance, Mr DC Jeakins, Mr JS Monks, Mr RH Price, and Mr JG Russell to be members of the Council of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service until April 30 1989.

University news

Oxford
Appointments
Hensley Henson lecturer in theology: The Rev Professor D B Forrester, of the Department of Christian Ethics and Practical Theology, Edinburgh University, for 1987-8.
University lecturer, Commonwealth Studies: M A Vaughan (BA Kent, PhD London), fellow of Nuffield College, from October 1 to September 30, 1991.
University lecturers
Medieval and modern languages: M B Holland, MA, DPhil, fellow of St Hugh's College, French, from October 1 to September 30 1991.

Buckingham Palace Luncheon

The Queen held a luncheon party at Buckingham Palace yesterday. The Duke of Gloucester was present and the guests were:
Mrs Heather Brigstocke (high mistress, St Paul's Girls' School), Miss Maureen Lipman (actress), Sir Walter Bodmer (director of research, Imperial Cancer Research Fund), Canon William Down (general secretary, The Missions to Seamen), Mr Trevor McDonald (presenter and diplomatic correspondent, ITN's Channel Four News), Mr John Morley (keeper of furniture and interior design, Victoria and Albert Museum), Sir Edwin Nixon (chairman, IBM United Kingdom), Judge Rowland, QC (county court judge).

Luncheons

Chartered Institute of Transport
Princess Anne, Honorary President of the Chartered Institute of Transport, was a speaker at the anniversary luncheon, held at the Connaught Rooms yesterday, to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the granting of the Royal Charter to the institute. The president, Mr G. Myers, Vice-Chairman of British Railways Board, presided and Mr D Mitchell, Minister of State for Transport, also spoke.

Media Society
Miss Barbara Hosking, Vice-President of the Media Society, presided at a luncheon held at the Café Royal yesterday: Mr Jeremy Isaacs was the guest speaker.

Lunchtime Comment Club
Professor Sir Graham Smith was the guest speaker at a luncheon given by the Lunchtime Comment Club yesterday at the Connaught Rooms. Mr S John Holt, chairman, presided.

Building Employers' Confederation
Mr George W. Hammond, President of the London region of the Building Employers' Confederation, was host at a luncheon held at Plaisterers' Hall yesterday. Mr Michael Heseltine, MP, was the chief guest.

Receptions

HM Government
Mr Michael Howard, QC, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Corporate and Consumer Affairs, was host at a reception at Banqueting House yesterday on the occasion of the Home Safety Research and Accident Prevention Conference.

Middlesex Hospital Medical School
Mr William Slack, Dean of the Middlesex Hospital Medical School, was host at a reception held yesterday at the school to mark the 150th anniversary of London University.

Dinners

Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain
Dr Geoffrey Booth, President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, presided at a dinner held at the society's headquarters yesterday. Lord Winstanley, Liberal Party Spokesman on Health and Social Services also spoke.

London Solicitors' Litigation Association
Mr Stephen Jakobi presided at the annual dinner of the London Solicitors Litigation Association held at the Law Society's Hall yesterday. Mr Giles Shepard, Sheriff of Greater London, and Judge Michael Cook were the guest speakers.

International Maritime Industries Forum
The International Maritime Industries Forum held its annual dinner last night at the Inn on the Park Hotel, preceding the full forum meeting. Mr J.G. Davis, Chairman, presided and the speakers at the dinner were Mr K-H Narjes, Vice President of the Commission of the European Communities, and Dr G. Lennkh, Austrian Ambassador to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Among the many members and guests present were:
The Danish and Norwegian Ambassadors and the Charge d'Affairs of the Embassy of China; Mr James Cotterell, MP; Lord Peyton of Yeovil; Lord Brabazon of Tara; Sir Alan Bailey; Sir Peter Lazarus; Sir Edward du Cann, MP; Mr S Kobrzynski; Mme Li Jizhou; Sir Adrian Swire; Sir Brian Shaw; Dame Shelagh Roberts, MEP; Mr J Saverys; Mr R B Hunt; Mr R T Fox; Mr A G Kennedy; Sir Anthony Buck, QC, MP; Mr H-J Kruse; Sir James Duncan; Mr W Hoegh; Sir Julian Ridsdale, MP; Mr A Sugawara; Admiral Sir Anthony Griffin; Sir Keith Stuart; Admiral D Vassiliades; Sir James Dunnett; Mr Jorgen Jahre, Sr; and Mr Walter Behrmann.

London Business School
Sir Terence Beckett, chairman of the governing body, presided at a dinner held at the London Business School on October 30, to mark the granting of a royal charter to the school. Mr George Walden, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Education, proposed a toast to the school to which the principal, Professor Peter Moore, replied.

Mrs Helene Alexander with some of the 1,000 antique fans she hopes to put on display in two converted Georgian houses in Crooms Hill, Greenwich, south London, but which may go instead to Geneva, Switzerland, if planning permission is refused (Photograph: Arthur Foster).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.Y. Adams and Dr A.M. Chalk
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mrs Robert Brooks, of Cobham, Surrey, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Chalk, of The Old Rectory, Whepstead, Suffolk.

Mr S.M.J. Arnold and Miss E.J. Bond
The engagement is announced between Simon Mark Joseph, younger son of the late Rev E.J. Arnold and of Mrs M. Arnold, of Tiverton, Devon, and Kathryn Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.R. Bond, of Kirbymoorside, North Yorkshire.

Mr C.D. Bradbury and Miss N.J. Pope
The engagement is announced between Colin, younger son of Mr and Mrs K.A. Bradbury, of Stretford, Manchester, and Nicola, only daughter of Mr and Mrs L.A. Pope, of Hayes End, Middlesex.

Mr A.M.W. Don and Miss M.C. Berlyn
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mrs Janet Don, of Weston Patrick, Hampshire, and the late Major D.T.K. Don, and Margot, daughter of Mr John Berlyn, of Blackheath, and Mrs Daphne Dennis, of Rumogate, Kent.

Mr E.V. MacM. Cameron and Miss A.K. Zeki-Hilson
The engagement is announced between Euan, only son of Mr R.D. Cameron, of Blackhouse Cottage, Henfield, Sussex, and Mrs C.P. Cunnyngham-Brown, of The North Haa, Yell, and Alexandra, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs F.H. Hilson, of Benalmadena, Spain.

Mr R.M. Frayling-Cork and Miss E.R. McCrum
The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of the late Mr E.J. Frayling-Cork and of Mrs Frayling-Cork, of Harston, Cambridgeshire, and Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M. McCrum, of Cambridge.

Mr G.L.T.D. Kronsten and Miss A. Dutta
The engagement is announced between Gregory, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Kronsten, of 5 Cope Place, London, W8, and Amita, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Dutta, of Calcutta, India.

Mr C.J. Mutton and Miss M.M. Gimson
The engagement is announced between Christopher James, elder son of Mr and Mrs James Mutton, of Hemel Hempstead, and Mary Margaret (Polly), youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Gimson, of St Albans.

Mr. J.W. Ross and Miss A.J. Stockwell
The engagement is announced between Jack Wilson Ross, of Sneyd Park, Bristol, and Angela Jane, youngest daughter of Mrs Marion Stockwell, of Pinner, Middlesex, and the late Mr Leslie Stockwell.

Mr J. Walker and Miss M. Stanger
The engagement is announced between John, younger son of the late Mr Peter Walker and Mrs M. Carrott, of Ealing, London, and Miranda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Stanger, of Elstree, Hertfordshire.

Marriages

Mr C.H. Allhusen and Miss P.A. Rae
The marriage took place on Friday, October 31, at St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, of Mr Christian Henry Allhusen, eldest son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs R.C. Allhusen, of Bradenham Hall, Thetford, Norfolk, and Miss Penelope Amanda Rae, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Rae, of Fuller's House, Broxton, Cheshire. The Rev Donald Harris officiated, assisted by the Rev Christopher Courtauld.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, and attended by Lucy Proffitt, Emma and Susanna Durlacher, Thomas Lloyd Owen, Alexander Frere-Scott and Thomas Homfray. Captain Richard Allhusen was best man.

The honeymoon is being spent in Morocco.

Mr J.D. Fenner and Miss G.F. Bishop
Nuptial Mass was concelebrated on October 25, at the Church of the Most Holy Trinity, Otford, by Canon John Bailey, Father Derek Grafton and Father James Hanvey, SJ, who also gave the homily, at the marriage of Mr Jonathan Fenner, son of Mr and Mrs W.L. Fenner, of Forest Hill, and Miss Gillian Bishop, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.D.L. Bishop, of Crowborough.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Elizabeth Osborne and Alexander Wright. Mr Paul Hudson was best man.

A reception was held at Chiddingstone Castle and the honeymoon is being spent in Kenya.

Royal Literary Fund

The 196th annual meeting of the Royal Literary Fund will be held at the Stationers' Hall, EC4, on Wednesday, December 10, 1986, at 3.30 pm. Nominations for candidates for election to any of the positions held by officers of the fund should reach the Secretary, 144 Temple Chambers, Temple Avenue, London, EC4Y 0DT, in writing by November 26, 1986, and be signed by the candidate and the proposer, who must be a member of the corporation.

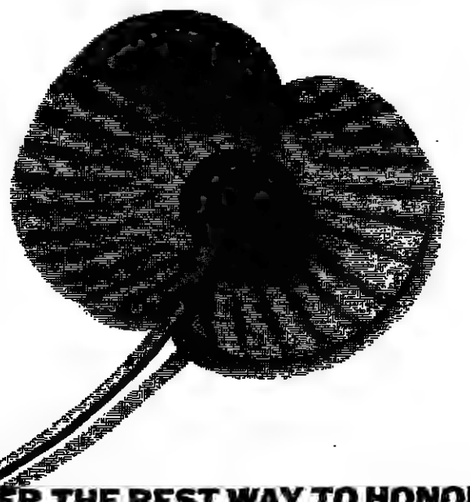
Little Ship Club

The Diamond Jubilee Ball which celebrates the sixtieth year of the Little Ship Club will be held at the Savoy Hotel, London, on Saturday, November 8, 1986.

Gunmakers' Company

Mr L.P.D. Salter has been installed as Master of the Gunmakers' Company for the ensuing year.

WEAR YOUR POPPY WITH PRIDE



REMEMBER, THE BEST WAY TO HONOUR THE DEAD IS TO CARE FOR THE LIVING
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY NOV. 9th.

Science report

Sensor swap clue to moths' mating

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The ability of a male moth to find a female at a range of several miles, by detecting a few molecules she releases of a biochemical now known as a pheromone, has earned the insect a reference in the *Guinness Book of Records*.

It took nearly 100 years for scientists to isolate the most powerful known sex attractants from the time their existence was suggested by observations of the naturalist, Jean Henri Fabre, on mate-seeking behaviour in the mid-nineteenth century.

Subsequently, pheromones of many species have been identified. But their effect is a sex-specific behaviour.

The antennae of the female lack the tiny biochemical detector that is stimulated by a pheromone.

However in the latest experiments by Dr Anne Schneiderman of Yale University, and colleagues at Arizona University, the pheromone sensor of the male has been transplanted to the female moth. The delicate transfer was done at the larval stage, when the cells which will later develop into the antennae of the adult are replaced. More than 100 moths were modified.

The observations by the first naturalists were of Europe's biggest and most richly coloured moth, the Great Peacock, which was placed in a wire-gauze cage. As night fell, the house was besieged by many amorous "conspecific" males.

In the latest tests, the molecules now known to attract the male were carried on an articial breeze in a wind tunnel. However, they were not coming from a female. They came from objects such as impregnated leaves. Although females with modified antennae flew to these objects, they retained their normal reproductive patterns as well.

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OBITUARY

PROFESSOR KURT HIRSCH

Mathematician who broke new ground

Professor Kurt Hirsch, algebraist of international stature, who was Professor of Pure Mathematics at Queen Mary College, London, from 1957 to 1973, died yesterday. He was 80.

Kurt August Hirsch was born in Berlin on January 12, 1906. He was educated at Berlin University, where he belonged to the circle of gifted students around Issai Schur, an original and influential mathematician.

After obtaining his doctorate in 1930 Hirsch worked as a journalist for the *Vossische Zeitung von Staats und Gelehrten Sachen*, at that time a prestigious newspaper and one of the oldest dailies.

He was given a full page to fill every week in any way he wished; he wrote on science and philosophy. A friend and fellow journalist, who also wrote on science, was Arthur Koestler.

The Nazis closed the *Vossiche Zeitung* in March 1934, and the next month Hirsch was on his way to England. He now had to make a choice between continuing with a career in journalism or devoting himself fully to mathematics.

He chose mathematics and went to King's College, Cambridge, to undertake research in group theory. He took his second doctorate in 1937.

Officially he was a student of Philip Hall, who was at that time first establishing himself as one of the best group theorists in the world. Hirsch always retained close links with his teacher.

His first important papers stem from his Cambridge years. They opened up a new area in group theory: the study of soluble groups with maximal condition.

It was discovered much later, in the 1950s and 1960s, that these groups were precisely the soluble matrix groups with coefficients in the rational integers. As such they were of considerable importance in topology (a mathematical study of geometry) and other areas of mathematics well away from pure group theory.

From 1938 to 1947 he taught at University College, Leicester (now Leicester University); and from 1948 to 1951 at King's College, Newcastle (now Newcastle University). In the latter year he went to Queen Mary College as reader in pure mathematics, and was appointed professor six years later.

His influence on the teaching of mathematics at the college was enormous. He was a leading force in establishing a long overdue modernization of the teaching syllabus, and he set in motion an organized programme of postgraduate teaching and activities in modern algebra.

Above all, he built up the mathematics department into one of the most respected research schools in algebra in the country. He at first achieved this by appointing only algebraists to new positions, holding that any respectable mathematician, whatever his special interests, must be able to teach the entire undergraduate curriculum (an obvious idea now, but not so in 1951).

He also opened the doors to as many visitors from abroad as possible. He travelled widely, thereby attracting many distinguished mathematicians back to London. He served on the council of the London Mathematical Society for a number of years, and was twice vice-president.

As the editor of *Russian Mathematical Surveys* (he could read but not speak the language), he brought to the English-speaking mathematicians the translated works of their Soviet counterparts.

Hirsch's infectious enthusiasm for mathematics made him an effective teacher. His warm and welcoming nature, coupled with an astute perception of people, enabled him to create at the college a friendly and stimulating atmosphere. He was a skilled chess player and an accomplished cook, and he and his wife entertained lavishly.

His wife, Elsa Brähl, whom he married in 1928, died in 1980. He is survived by their son and two daughters.

MR HARRY BROWN

Mr Harry Brown, American screenwriter and novelist, died in Los Angeles on November 3. He was 69.

Both as novelist and scenarist, his forte was war themes, though the screenplay which won him an Oscar was for *A Place in the Sun*, the movie version of Theodore Dreiser's *An American Tragedy*.

He was born at Portland, Maine, and went to Harvard before working as a journalist on *Time* and *The New Yorker*.

During the Second World War he served in the US Army, where his creative talents found outlet in a column he wrote for *Yank*, the army magazine. This featured Artie Greengroin, the archetypal American private soldier in England. The adventures of this latter-day Connecticut Yankee at King Arthur's court - at once tactlessly indifferent and romantically wide-eyed - were published in book form in 1946.

But Brown had already published the novel that made his name, *A Walk in the Sun*, in 1944. A graphic description of the tribulations of an American infantry platoon on the Salerno beachhead, this made a taut, vivid film of the same title (1946).

His war poems, which also drew their inspiration from the experiences of the American army in Italy, conveyed the same pungent sense of battlefield realities.

After the war Brown was busy as writer or co-writer on a number of Hollywood movies, notably *Arch of Triumph* (1948), a version of Remarque's novel; *Sands of Iwo Jima* (1949); and *Ocean's Eleven* (1960).

He continued to write novels, too. Among these was *The Stars in their Courses*, which successfully translated to the cinema screen as *El Dorado*, a movie not unfairly described as "a rumbustious lament for the good old days of the bad old West".

It was perhaps inevitable that the American film industry's attempt to make Dreiser's great masterpiece palatable to the general should not wear well. The prose of *An American Tragedy* has an obdurate integrity which does not lend itself to the pleasing sentiment in which Hollywood trades. Nevertheless if *A Place in the Sun* reduced tragedy to melodrama, it was much acclaimed, and won Brown and his co-writer, Maurice Wilson, an Oscar in 1952.

In the 1960s he and his wife, June, moved to Mexico where he hoped to find solitude. He did not, but among the novels he wrote there was *A Quiet Place to Work*, which was a humorous comment on precisely that.

He leaves his widow and a son.

DR E. CUYLER HAMMOND

Dr E. Cuyler Hammond, biologist and epidemiologist, who spent a lifetime investigating links between cigarette-smoking and lung cancer, died on November 3. He was 74.

Edward Cuyler Hammond was born at Baltimore on June 14, 1912. He was educated at Yale, first studying physics but switching to biology, and at Johns Hopkins where he earned a doctorate in epidemiology.

From 1938 to 1942 he worked at the National Institute of Health as a statistician in the industrial hygiene division. For the rest of the war he served as health analyst and statistician to both the Army and the Navy.

After the war he joined the American Cancer Society (ACS) as director of epidemiology and statistical research, a post he held for the next three decades. From 1953 to 1958 he was also professor of biometry at Yale.

Hammond's first major study was published in 1952. Using a sample of 180,000 men, the findings showed cigarette-smokers running a greater risk of lung cancer.

The scope of the research was widened to include other cancers and heart disease, this time among women as well as men. He concluded that giving up cigarettes reduced the risks.

In 1959 Hammond set up a force of 60,000 volunteers to gather data on the habits of more than one million Americans. During the 1960s he published further studies on the health of workers exposed to asbestos and vinyl chloride who also smoked.

Hammond's claims won him few friends in the tobacco industry. In heated debates with its representatives he spoke in a measured and precise manner, content to let his statistics do the talking for him. He himself was once an 80-a-day man, but he gave up cigarettes and took to the pipe instead.

Following his retirement from the ACS in 1977 he taught epidemiologists at the environmental sciences laboratory of Mount Sinai Hospital in Manhattan, including several from China.

He married, in 1948, Marian E. Thomas, who died in 1970. His second wife, Katharine S. Redmond, whom he married in 1972, survives him together with three sons of his first marriage.

EDDIE "LOCKJAW" DAVIS

Eddie "Lockjaw" Davis, the jazz saxophonist, died in Las Vegas on November 3, at the age of 65.

He had a reputation as one of the most aggressive tenor sax-players in modern jazz; and the big sound of which he was capable - combined perhaps with his bizarre nickname - tended to raise in audiences who had not previously heard him the expectation of a relentless attack on his material.

But this was to do him less than justice. Besides a raucous, honking style he was capable of great subtlety. And in another mood he was one of the great exponents of the well-nigh extinct art of tender ballad playing.

Eddie Davis was born in New York on March 2, 1921. Self-taught, he began his playing career at Clark Monroe's Uptown House in Harlem. He worked with names like Cootie Williams and Louis Armstrong in the early 1940s until he formed his own combo in 1945.

This performed mainly at Minton's until, in 1952, he joined Count Basie, which gave an important fillip to his career. He gained a reputation as one of Basie's most memorable soloists.

In 1955 he formed a trio with the organist, Shirley Scott, but he found time to tour Britain and France with Basie. His trio also undertook several long engagements in Basie's club in New York.

Davis was inevitably compared - to his disadvantage - with the great Coleman Hawkins. Certainly he learned a great deal from his elder, and incorporated elements of his style.

But he was not a mere imitator, as became clear when he teamed up with him to play and record. The result was an intelligent dialogue, between sax players of widely different personality, pleasantly free from any attempt, by either, to set the other down.

A new generation of audiences was beguiled by him at Ronnie Scott's Club, where he played, again on tour, in the 1960s and 1970s.

PROFESSOR ALBERT von SZENT-GYÖRGYI

Professor T. F. Slater writes:
Your obituary of Albert von Szent-Györgyi (October 27) drew attention to many important aspects of his very productive, long and exciting life. Some features of his work during the past 15 years or so were somewhat neglected, however, and I believe they should be noted as additional evidence of his creativity until the end of his life.

In the mid-1970s he became closely associated with the National Foundation for Cancer Research (NFCR) as its scientific director and, in this capacity, stimulated and attracted many scientists from different disciplines and countries to collaborate.

In this way he created what he called a "laboratory without walls": scientists in up to 70 laboratories in 15 countries working together on cancer research. The success of these collaborations owed much to his personal charisma and acute scientific intuition.

Included in this large group were a number of scientists based in Britain, and von Szent-Györgyi, through the NFCR, generously encouraged and supported them.

Albert von Szent-Györgyi not only fished with a large hook as mentioned in your obituary; he also painted scientifically with broad sweeps of the brush on an extremely large canvas, and these pictures glowed with a very special insight and extraordinary ability.

Sir (Frederick) Neil Sutherland, CBE, who held several senior posts with The Marconi Company, died on October 29. He was 86.

A pilot in the Royal Naval Air Service during the First World War, he joined the English Electric Company in 1922, remaining until moving to Marconi in 1948.

There he was managing director from 1958 to 1965 and chairman from then until his retirement in 1969.

SIPPIE WALLACE

Sippie Wallace, a blues singer, whose hits "Women Be Wise (Keep Your Mouth Shut, Don't Advertise Your Man)" and "Mighty Tight Woman" made her a queen of the blues circuit in the 1920s and 1930s, died on November 1, her 88th birthday.

Known as the "Texas Nightingale", she both wrote and sang, and her shouted blues made her prominent on the circuit in the South and in the vaudeville houses of the North.

She recorded hit after hit with musicians like Louis Armstrong, Sidney Bechet and Joe "King" Oliver, but turned to gospel music in the late 1930s after the deaths of her gambler husband, Matt Wallace, and her brother.

She sang gospel for the next 30 years, but in 1965 she was coaxed back to jazz and blues by music researchers who found her voice as strong as ever.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS AND IN MEMORIAM

I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.
St. John 8 : 12

BIRTHS

ARCHIBALD - On November 4th, to Amanda (née McCallum) and Sandy of Ferniegh, via Scone, N.S.W., 2337, a daughter.

BAKER - On 1st November 1986, to Bridget (née Clarke) and George, a son, Marcus Zachary, a brother for Sam.

BRAZIER - On 26th October, to Jane and John, a son, Andrew John, a brother for John and Rebecca.

BROADHEAD - On November 3rd 1986, to Emma (née Laidlaw) and Anthony, a daughter, a sister for Harriet and Bertie.

BUNT - On 1st November, at University College Hospital, to Karen (née Hilsum) and David, a son, Alexander David Hilsum.

BUSH On 2nd November at The Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, To Sophie and Daniel, a Son

BYNG - On October 21st 1986, to Caroline (née Stevenson) and Francis, a son, Toby James Findhorn.

CLARKE - On 3rd November, to Didi and Jonathan, a son, Karim, a brother for Tarquin.

COLLETT- WHITE - On October 27th 1986, to Bedford, to Ann (née Balfour Paul) and James, a daughter. (Elizabeth Marnie).

COOKE - On 1st November 1986, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Hilary Jane (née Bagnall) and Christopher James, a son, Alexander David.

DALE - On 1st November 1986, at Oxford, to Mary Ann (née Oates) and Christopher, a boy, Charles Titus John.

DIXON - On November 2nd, at the Westminster Hospital, to Clare (née Powell) and Charles, a daughter, Frederica Susanna.

DONOVAN - On October 30, to Christian (née Davidson) and Michael, a son, (Samuel Rollo).

FINDLATER - On 24th October 1986, to Hattie (née Hyde Parker) and Alex, a daughter, Frederica Harriet Maxwell.

FINNIGAN - On 21st October, at Lister Hospital, to Lynda (née Galloway) and Brian, a daughter, Holly.

FORBES - On 1st November 1986, to Jane (née Dunbar-Nasmith) and Andrew, a son, James, a brother for Anna.

MCMULLEN - On October 27 to Sally (née Croft) and David, a daughter Katherine Sarah, a sister for Jane.

BLOOMFIELD - On 28th October to Susie and Tim, a daughter, Phoebe Rose, a sister for Tara, Lucy and Rupert.

ORMEROD - On November 1st 1986, to Teresa (née Nelson) and Giles, a son, Maurice Benedict Giles.

SPENCER - On November 2nd 1986 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Lorna (née Nykerk) and Paul, a son, Charles Alistair, a brother for Deborah and Richard.

STRATTON - on November 2nd 1986 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital to Clare (née Grigson) and Christopher, a son, Nicholas Christopher.

WOODER - On 28th October, to Heather and Justin, a daughter, Annabel Miriam Jane.

ZERNES - On 30th October in Frankfurt, Germany, to Heidrun and Stefan, a son, Christian Thomas.

ZUCKER - On October 28, to Philippa (née Bruce) and John, a son, Alastair James.

ANNIVERSARIES

POLITEYAN:RICHARDS. On Nov 5 1941 at Plymouth, Flt-Lieut Ronnie Politeyan, R.A.F. to 3rd officer Beryl Richards, W.R.N.S. Now at 6 Marechal, Elmer, Bognor Regis, PO22 6LH. News of friends always welcome.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

WARALEY:BENTLEY - On November 5th 1936. At the Abbey, Shrewsbury, Aubrey to Marion. Now at 27 Hazebrouck Rd, Faversham, Kent.

DEATHS

BLONSTEIN. On October 31st, suddenly in Paris, Larry, a pioneer of British Space Technology, whose enthusiasm for work matched his enthusiasm for life. Funeral service at the Institut Medico Legal de Paris 9.45am, Thursday, Nov 6th. Flowers welcome, yellow preferred.

BOLTON - On November 1st, peacefully, John, of High Street, Little Shelford, Cambridge, aged 80 years. Much loved husband of Nell and darling father of Katheryne, Hilary and Sarah. Funeral Service, Little Shelford Parish Church on Monday 10th November at 1.30 pm. Followed by interment in the Churchyard. Family flowers only, but donations For Dr Wheelers Cancer Research. c/o A.F. Townsend (Funeral Directors), 18 High Street, Great Shelford. Cambridge would be appreciated.

BRADLEY - On November 2nd 1986, peacefully at home, Robert David Kirk Bradley of Farndon Fields, Fosse Way, Newark. Beloved husband of Pauline, much loved father of Pamela and Lis. Funeral Service at St. Peters Church Farndon, on Thursday November 6th at 1.15pm. No flowers thank you, donation to the Cancer Research Campaign preferred. Enquires and donation to, E. Gill & Son, 55 Albert Street, Newark, Notts. Tel: 77461.

CHAMBERLAIN - On Friday October 31 1986, suddenly at home, Janet (Jenny) of Queen Edith's Way, Cambridge. Dear mother of David and much loved grandmother of Martin and Timmy. Funeral Service at Cambridge City Crematorium on Monday November 10 at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Save The Children Fund. Mary Datchelor House, 17 Grove Lane, Camberwell, London SE5 8RP.

COLLINSON BROWN - On 3rd November 1986, Laetitia Sheila Mary, beloved mother of Graham and Kay and 'dancing Granny' to Miles, Mark and Emma Rose. Requiem at The Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon at 1 pm. On Monday 10th November.

COLLINS - On November 2, following an accident, Sir Geoffrey Abdy Collins Kt of Swanage, Dorset, in his 99th year. The beloved husband of Joan and much loved by his five children and seven grand-children. Funeral Service at St Nicholas, Studland on Thursday 6 November, at 2 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the RUKBA or Swanage Branch of the British Red Cross. Donations and all enquiries to James Smith Ltd, 60a, Kings Road, Swanage. Tel: (0929) 422445.

EDGELL - On November 4th, Helen Mary widow of Harry Edgell and Henry Darrell Smith. Much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral at Poughill Church on Friday November 7th 2.30 pm. Donations to Poughill Church.

FROGGATT- On November 2nd, in hospital in Winchester, Timothy Richard, aged 54, loved husband of Margaret and dear father of Sarah and Penny. Funeral service at St Paul's Church, Winchester on Thursday November 6th at 3pm. Flowers to John Steel and Son, 6 Chesil St, Winchester.

GRANT- On November 3rd, suddenly at home, Edward George (Ted), aged 86yrs, beloved husband of Maisie, and father of Heather, Ian and the late Shirley. Cremation at Randalls Park Leatherhead, at 9.30am Friday 7th November.

HARTLEY - On 30th October 1986, Herbert Kent aged 77 years, late of Buxton, Derbyshire, at his daughters home - Dr. Angela Brodie, 8373 Reservoir Rd, Fulton, Maryland 20759 U.S.A.

HAZEL - On November 1st, peacefully at Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, John, aged 76 years. Beloved husband of Isobel, father of Peter and Joy. Funeral private, family flowers only. No letters please.

HILDYARD - On November 3rd, Robert Christopher Thoroton, 29 Melbourne Street, York. Dearly loved husband of Jenny, devoted father of Rupert, Hugo, Felina, Christopher and Mark. Grandfather of Luc, Daisy and Edgar. Funeral Service at St Lawrence's Parish Church, Lawrence St, York on Friday November 7th at 1.15 pm followed by private cremation.

HILL - On October 31st, Nora Mary, aged 76 years, of London S.W.19. Dearly loved wife of Ivor Hill. Funeral Service on Friday November 7th, 11.30am, at The Vale Crematorium, Putney Vale.

JACKSON - On November 3rd, Monica Jackson, wife of the late J.W.C. Jackson Indian Police and Bengal Lagpur Railway. Funeral Service Exeter and Devon Crematorium Saturday November 8th at 11am. Flowers to Mitchell Funeral Services, 4 Old Tiverton Road, Exeter.

JENNINGS - On November 1st 1986, Edward Harold Lawrence, aged 85 years, late of Rugby School and dearly loved brother of Peggy and Bridget. Funeral Service on Monday November 10th, at 11.00 a.m. at Cambridge Crematorium. Cut flowers only to Brian Warner, Funeral Service, Harrington Grove, Cambridge.

JONES-PERROTT - On November 2nd, 1986, Magdalene Ann, peacefully at her home, Bronhyddon, Llansantffraid. Beloved wife of the late, the venerable B.P.Jones-Perrott, and dear mother of Robert, John and Helen. Funeral service at St. Ffraid Church, Llansantffraid on Thursday November 6th at 2.30pm followed by interment in St Ffraids churchyard. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired, to St Ffraids Parish Church Restoration Fund. Enquiries please to I. Jackson & Sons Funeral Directors. Tel:069 184 245.

KIMBLE - On 1st November 1986, peacefully after a long struggle, Judy Kimble Ph.D., aged 34. Beloved daughter of Helen and David, dearly loved sister of Jane, Jenny and Joy. Family Funeral Service at St. Johns's Chapel, Oxford Crematorium on Friday 7th November at 3.00 pm. Flowers to R.V. Mallett, 124 Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford or donations to Sir Michael Sobell House, Churchill Hospital, Headington, Oxford.

LAWRENCE - On Monday 3rd November 1986, Sir William, 4th Baronet, aged 73 years. Beloved husband of Pam, and much loved father of Lavinia, Carolyn and William and loved by his grandchildren. Private family funeral. Donations if desired to the Royal Gardeners Benevolent Fund, c/o Barclays Bank, Alcester.

KING - On 2nd November, 1986, suddenly, Sidney Alfred James, formerly of North Mymms, Herts. Funeral Monday, 10th November at St. Mary's Church, North Mymms, at 11.30am. No flowers please, but donations may be sent to: The British Heart Foundation, C/o. C.A. Nethercott & Son Ltd, 180, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, Herts.

KITCH - On October 31, peacefully, at the Victoria Hospital, Lewes, Fiona. Much loved wife of Malcolm and mother of Nicholas, Richard and Thomas.

LAYTON - On 31st Oct, peacefully at home, Joyce Moore (née Davidson) dearest darling wife so very much loved by husband Harry, daughter and son Vivienne and Neal and dear sister of Mabel. Funeral Requiem at St George's Whyke, Chichester on Thursday 6th Nov at 2pm. Flowers and enquires to Edward White and Son. 0243 782136.

LEWIS On November 2nd at St. Stephen's Hospital, David James Lewis, Sc.D., aged 77. Entomologist, formerly of Sudan Medical Service, beloved husband of Lesley of 38 Whiteleands House, Cheltenham Terrace, SW3. Funeral at St. Luke's Church, Sydney Street, SW3 on Monday 10th November at 12.30 pm followed by private cremation. No flowers by request.

MACGILLIVRAY - On November 3, at home after a short illness, Greville, aged 65. Beloved husband of Pam, loving father of Christine and Ian, much loved grandpa. Cremation on Monday, November 10 at Putney Vale Crematorium, SW15 at 12.15 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Radio Therapy Research Fund, c/o Dr Phillips, Westminster Hospital, SW1.

MACLENNAN - On 1st November 1986, peacefully at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, aged 45, Roderick Ian Bain Maclennan, much loved husband of Wiebke and devoted father of Sheila, Deputy Headmaster of St John's Beaumont. Requiem Mass at Church of The Assumption, Englefield Green, 11am Thursday 6th November, followed by cremation. No flowers please but if desired donations to Macintyre School, Old Manor House, Wingrave, Buckinghamshire.

MORRELL - On November 1st, Dom. Dunstan Atholl Morrell, Monk of Nashdom Abbey aged 77. Funeral Saturday 11am.

PARSONS - On October 31st at St Charles Hospital, Charles Pamphilon, aged 88, husband of Yvonne and father of Patricia and Yvonne (Binnie).

PEARKES - On November 1st, peacefully in Brighton, Leslie Vincent widower of Kathleen (née Wheeler), father of Joan. Funeral Service on Friday 7th November at Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton at 12.15pm. Family flowers only, donation if so desired to R.N.L.I. c/o Hanningtons' Funeral Directors, 4-6 Montefiore Rd, Hove, Sussex. Tel: 0273 778733.

PETTY - On Saturday, 1st November, peacefully, Dr. Gerald Fitzmaurice Petty, T.D., F.R.C.G.P., aged 80 years. Dearly loved husband of Enid Rosina and father of John, Maurice and Geraldine. Funeral service on Friday, November, 7th Thornhill Crematorium, Cardiff at 2 pm. Flowers to: James Summers & Son, South Court, Newport Road, Cardiff.

PLOUIDY - On 29th October 1986, Gérard Plouidy aged 51, of Founex, Switzerland, dearly loved husband of Arethusa (née Ewbank) and father of Corinne, Henri and Isabelle.

RIGBY - On October 30th 1986, peacefully in hospital. His Honour Judge Herbert Cecil Rigby D.F.C. of Cranage nr. Crewe, Cheshire. Service on Friday November 7th at St Mary's Church, Sandbach at 2pm followed by cremation at Crewe. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Reynauds Association Trust c/o R J & B Griffiths, Funeral Directors. Tel Holmes Chapel 32427 or 0270 765783

STAINTON - On November 3rd 1986, Barbara Dorothy, elder daughter of the late Charles and Enid Russell. Much loved. Funeral at the Church of St Michael and all Angels, Kingsland, on Friday 7th at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Research or to Rheumatism and Arthritis Council.

SUTHERLAND - On 29th October 1986, Sir Neil C.B.E., Formerly Chairman, Marconi Company Ltd. Funeral Service 2.15 pm Wednesday 5th November at All Saints Church, Springfield, Chelmsford, Essex. No Flowers. Donations to Sutherland Home, Corporation Road, Chelmsford, Essex.

TAYLOR - On October 31 1986, suddenly, George Rammell, aged 75 of Romsey, Hampshire. Dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Service of Thanksgiving, Romsey Abbey, Thursday November 6, at 2 pm. Donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation may be sent to A H Chester, Funeral Director, Romsey.

WATSON-SMYTH - On 1st November, by accidental drowning in Crete, Charles Michael, of Little Paddock, Hadlow Down, Sussex. Beloved son of Molly and the late Rowland. Funeral enquiries to W & F Groombridge, Funeral Directors, Quarry Hill Road, Tonbridge, Kent (0732 353964).

WILD - On 1 November 1986, peacefully at the Pilgrims Hospice Canterbury, the much loved Madge of Whitstable. Widow of the late Jack Wild. Service takes place at All Saints Church Whitstable on Monday 10 November at 1.30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired may be sent to the Pilgrims Hospice, London Rd, Canterbury or the R.N.L.I. c/o Mr Abrams, 14 Belief Rd, Whitstable.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

LEA - A Burial Service for the late Miss Vera Phyllis Lea of Kensington, London, who died at Henley-on-Thames on 27th October 1986, will take place at the Western Cemetery, Perth Rd, Dundee on Thursday November 6th at 2.30pm. Please meet at main gate. Enquiries to R. Sturrock & Sons (Funeral Directors) 180a, Lochee Road, Dundee.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BROOKE - A Memorial Thanksgiving Service for the late Captain Geoffrey T. Brooke of Knockloran, Elton, Co Limerick, will be held in St Agnes' Church, Bury Road, Newmarket, Suffolk on Sunday November 30th at 12.30 pm.

CHESTER - A Memorial Service for Sir Norman Chester, CBE, Charter Warden of Nuffield College, Oxford, will be held at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford on Saturday 22 November at 12 noon.

LLEWELLYN - A Memorial Service for Sir Godfrey Llewellyn, Bt, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., T.D., J.P., D.L., will be held at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Cardiff on Monday 24th November at 2.30 pm.

PRICE - A Memorial Service for Harry Price, will be held at St Botolph's Church, Aldgate on Friday November 7th at 12 midday. Friends and colleagues welcome

WERRY - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Roy James Werry, C.B.E. Will be held on Friday 5th December 1986, at 2.30 pm in the Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields, London WC2.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

BETHUNE, Charles. Died 5.11.85, aged 85. Dearly loved by his widow, children and grandchildren. Their 'Bapa'. 'Still quiring to: the young-ey'd cherubims.'

FARRAR - Susie. Lovingly remembered on her birthday, 5th November and always. From Mum, Rosie and Robert.

THORPE, LEWIS Remembered with love by his family on this his birthday.

Memorial service

Sir Spencer Le Marchant

The Prime Minister was represented by Mr John Wakeham, MP, at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Spencer Le Marchant held yesterday at St Margaret's, Westminster. Canon Trevor Beeson officiated, assisted by the Bishop of Derby. Miss Geva Le Marchant, daughter, read from "Crossing the Bar" by Alfred Lord Tennyson and Mr Michael Le Marchant, brother, read from "The Prophet" by Kahil Gibran. Viscount Tonypandy read the lesson and Mr John Stradling Thomas, MP, gave an address. The Speaker attended. Mr Edward Heath, MP, was represented by Sir Brian Warren and the Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire by the Mayor of High Peak, accompanied by the Mayoress. Others present included:

Lady Le Marchant (widow), Mr and Mrs James Hudleston (son-in-law and daughter), Tamara Hudleston (granddaughter), Mrs Henry Douglas-Pennant (sister), Mrs Michael Le Marchant (sister-in-law), Sir Denis and Lady Le Marchant, Marjorie Lady Ashton of Hyde, Miss Anne Brooks, Mrs C Brooks, Charles and Christopher Brooks, Lord Crawshaw, the Hon John and Mrs Brooks, Mr and Mrs John Bury, Miss Venetia Douglas-Pennant, Mr Rupert Douglas-Pennant, Mr Andrew Douglas-Pennant, Mr Edward Douglas-Pennant, Mr Angus MacKay Forbes, Mr John Hammer, Mr and Mrs Gerald Harford, Mrs Mark Harford, Mr and Mrs Philip Harford, Mr and Mrs C E Hirsison, Mr and Mrs Robin Hirdson, Major and Mrs Nigel Kessley, Mr Piers Le Marchant, Miss Melissa Le Marchant, Mr Dickon Le Marchant, Mr A Le Marchant, Mr Francis Le Marchant, Mr and Mrs Charles Hudleston.

Lord James Douglas Hamilton, MP, Viscount Whitelaw, CH, Lord and Lady Morton of Lindisfarne, Lord Fraser of Kilmorack, Lord and Lady Denham, Lord and Lady Marshall of Leeds, Lord and Lady Plummer of St Marylebone, Lord and Lady Peyton of Yeovil, Lord and Lady Farnham, Lord Mowbray and Stourton, Lord Harmar Nicholls, Lord Mackie of Benshie, Lord Pender, Lord and Lady Boardman, Lord Brougham and Vaux, Lord Grey of Contin, Lord Margadale, Anne Lady Elton, Mr John Moore, MP, Mr Mark Carlisle, QC, MP, Mr Michael Jopling, MP, and Mrs Jopling, Mr Peter Rees, QC, MP, the Hon Sir Adam Butler, MP, Mr Timothy Raison, MP, Mr Kenneth Baker, MP, Mr Cecil Parkinson, MP, Sir Humphrey Atkins, MP, and Lady Atkins, Mr Francis Pym, MP, the Hon Paul Channon, MP, Mr Michael Cocks, MP, Mr Walter Harrison, Sir Edward du Cann, MP, Mr Geoffrey Rippon, QC, MP, Mr Roy Mason, MP, Lady Peter Blacker, the Hon Martin and Mrs Browne, the Hon Peter Morrison (representing the Chairman of the Conservative Party), the Hon Charles Morrison, MP, the Hon Hugh Lawson, the Hon Francis Maud, MP, the Hon Archibald Hamilton, MP, the Hon Robert Boscawen, MP, the Hon Mark Lennox-Boyd, MP, the Hon Peter Brooke, MP, the Hon James Morrison, the Hon Tim Sainsbury, MP, the Hon George and Mrs Weir, the Hon Lady Berry, the Hon Mrs A Hamilton, the Hon Nicholas Soames, MP, Sir George Young, MP, Sir Nicholas Bonsor, MP, Sir Gerard and Lady Newman, Major-General Sir James d'Avigdor Goldsmid, Lady (Michael) Salt, Sir Anthony Meyer, MP, Sir John Wells, MP, Sir Freddie Warren, Sir Michael Shaw, MP, Sir John Biggs-Davison, MP, Sir Kenneth Bradshaw (the Clerk of the House of Commons), Sir Matthew and Lady Farrer, Lady (Charles) Norton, Sir Walter Clegg, MP, Sir Gerard Vaughan, MP, and Lady Vaughan, Mr John Vaughan, Miss Belinda Vaughan, Sir William Clark, MP, Sir John Knott, Lady Hall-Davis, Miss R Hall-Davis, Sir Hugh Rossi, MP, and Lady Rossi, Sir Paul Bryan, MP, and Lady Bryan, Sir Antony Buck, QC, MP, Sir Anthony Kershaw, MP, Major Sir Ronald Mandeley, Sir Peter Emery, MP, and Lady Emery, Sir John Osborn, MP, and Lady Osborn, Sir Hugh and Lady Cubitt, Sir Victor Goodhew, Sir Timothy and Lady Kitson, Sir John Langford-Holt, Lady Lochela, Sir Alan Dawtrey, Lady Miles, Lady (Percy) Rugg, Sir John Farr, MP, Sir David Price, MP, Sir Kenneth Lewis, MP, Sir Reginald Eyre, MP, Sir Peter Thorne, Sir Hector Monro.

Mr David Hunter (L Mescal and Company) and Mrs Hunter with Mr David Lloyd and Mrs Lloyd and Mr R A Seligman, Dr John G Blackburn, MP, Mr Tom Normanton, MP, MEP, Mr Eric Cockeram, MP, Mr Colin Shepherd, MP, Mr William R Benyon, MP, the Agent-General for Ontario, Mrs Cyril Bowles, Mr David Crouch, MP, Mr Cranley Onslow, MP, (chairman, 1922 Committee), Mr David Waddington, QC, MP, Mr Keith Speed, MP, Mr Eric Heffer, MP, Mr Ivor Stanbrook, MP, Mrs Betty Boothroyd, MP, Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, MP, Mr Barry Porter, MP, Mr Richard Holt, MP, Mr John McWilliam, MP, Mr Wyn Roberts, MP, Mr John Stokes, MP, Mr Ian Gow, MP, Mr Anthony Steen, MP, Mr Tam Dalyell, MP, Mr Fred Silvester, MP, Mr Giles Shaw, MP, Mr Tom Arnold, MP, Mr Tony Durant, MP, Mr Michael Brown, MP, Mr Jim Spicer, MP, Mr Jerry Wiggin, MP, Mr Tom Favell, MP, Mr John Heddle, MP, Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Mates, MP, Mr David Knox, MP, Mr Graham Bright, MP, Mr Nicholas Scott, MP, Mr Matthew Parris, MP, Mr Peter Viggers, MP, Mr Tim Rathbone, MP, Mr John Bowden, MP, Mr Robert Banks, Mr Michael Meacher, MP, Mr Alastair Goodlad, MP, Mr Michael Portillo, MP, Mr Michael Bryllis, MP, and Mrs Bryllis, Mr Gerald Malone, MP, Mr Hugh McCartney, MP, Mr Alec Woodall, MP, Mr Nicholas Budgen, MP, Mr Ralph Howell, MP, Mr Richard Ryder, MP, Mr Michael Newbert, MP, Mr David Lightbown, MP, Mr Gary Waller, MP, Mr Jeremy Hanley, MP, Mr Harry Greenway, MP.

Mrs Christopher Hordern, Mrs Peter Beckwith-Smith, Mrs John Cronin, Mr and Mrs George Cooper, Mrs Richard Martineau, Mr and Mrs T Robinson, Mrs C A Prendergast, Mr Michael Mander, Mrs S S Hensler Heston, Mr and Mrs Julian Agnew, Mr and Mrs T Spencer, Mr Tim Brooks, Mr and Mrs A J Sheldon, Mrs John MacGoughan, Mr John Synge, Mr Ernle Money, Mr Hugh Sisson, Major J W Mann-Thomson, Mrs J Etherton, Mr Percy Grieve, QC, Mr and Mrs H T W Pedlow, Mrs V Howard-Vyse, Mr and Mrs Keith Stewart, Mr E P MacCall, Mr Howell Thomas, Mr Tristram Garel-Jones, MP, Mr Tony Durant, MP, Mr John Cope, MP, Mr Tom Arnold, MP, Mr Edward Troubridge, Mr and Mrs Charles Brooks, Mr and Mrs D Rudkin, Mrs C Lubbock, Mrs Robert Brooks, Mrs A Smith-Maxwell, Mr William Hastings Bass, Mr Kenneth Rose, Dr Patrick Ferguson, Mrs J Thornton, Mr and Mrs Mark Cannon-Brookes, Mr Stephen Carden, Mrs Norman Hogg, Mr Mark Birley, Mr and Mrs Derek Howe, Mr David Cobbold, Mr and Mrs John Adams, Miss Brenda Woods, Sister Beth Meadham, Mr David Pitt (Henry Cook Lumsden), Mr A E Wieler (Anthony Wieler and Company), Mr Michael Beaumont (Cazenove and Company), Commander I F O Alford, RN, (X One Design Association), Mr J Flanders (Royal Solent Yacht Club) and Mrs Flanders, Mr R H Peel (director, Cornay and Barrow), Mr Ian Aitken (The Guardian and president, Spencer's Club), Mr Keith Renshaw (Sunday Express), Mr Andrew Roth (Parliamentary Profiles) and Mr M E R Allsopp.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LATIN MASS SOCIETY
Annual Solemn Requiem for deceased members & friends with special remembrance of the late Cardinal Heenan at 11.30am on Saturday 8th November in Westminster Cathedral (with the kind permission of H.E The Cardinal)

LATIN MASS SOCIETY
3 Cork Street
London W1X 1HA
TEL: 01-434 2685

ALSTOWE nee **LEWIS** - **PATIENCE MAUD ALSTOWE** nee **LEWIS**. Widow late of 2 Fairfax Road, Cowley, Oxford died at Banbury, Oxfordshire on 31st March 1985
(Estate about £35,000)

BAILEY formerly **WATFORD** nee **HAYCOCK** - **CHRISTINE LUCY BAILEY** formerly **WATFORD** nee **HAYCOCK**. Widow late of 11 Bramham Gardens, Hook, Chessington, Surrey died at Surbiton, Surrey on 29th December 1985
(Estate about £70,000)

BURTON, **ERNEST WALTER BURTON** late of 2 Spring Cottages, Swallowcliffe, Near Salisbury, Wiltshire, died there on 27th February 1986
(Estate about £48,400)

CALLABY, **VICTOR JOHN SHAUL CALLABY** late of Montalde, Laton Road, Hastings, East Sussex died at Hastings on 3rd September 1985
(Estate about £26,500)

HOWE, **HENRY WILLIAM PLUMMER HOWE** late of Napsbury Hospital, London Colney, Near St Albans, Hertfordshire died at Boston, Lincolnshire on 8 May 1985
(Estate about £36,000)

KENNEDY MARGARET GRANT KENNEDY, Spinster late of 64D Priory Road, Hampstead, London NW3 died at Hampstead, London NW3 on 24th May 1986
(Estate about £12,000)

PEPPER, **WILLIAM DOUGLAS PEPPER** late of 8 Elchester Road, Leicester died there on 30th April 1986
(Estate about £11,910)

PIDDOCK otherwise **COCKS** formerly **COCKS** nee **CHILDS**. **SUSAN PIDDOCK** otherwise **SUSAN COCKS** formerly **COCKS** nee **CHILDS**. Widow late of Dovers Fields Lane, Dovers Green Road, Reigate, Surrey died there on 28th February 1986
(Estate about £34,000)

The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (B.V.) Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 The Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

ELEANOR FINLAYSON - b 1886. Fiancee (1909) of Poet J. E. Flecker. Writer seeks anyone with information about her. Reply to BOX H51.

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BIRTHDAYS

ARNEW Mr W.O. MC KBD. Have a very happy 70th Birthday love Ann, Brian, Sarah & David

DAWN Caroline Nicoll is 18 today. Happy Birthday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Martin. Remember Oakholt from Paul.

JANE BOWLES was 21 yesterday. congratulations.

JESSIE Happy Birthday darling. All my love and best wishes Tom [illegible]

SYLVIA Happy Birthday. Love you always Graham.

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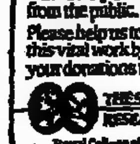

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Councils told 'to pay what you can'

By Richard Evans
Political Correspondent

Local authorities were last night positively encouraged by a Cabinet minister to ignore nationally agreed wage increases for council workers and pay staff what they can afford.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, made the radical proposal as he hit back at Conservative party critics at Westminster and in the shire counties who have bitterly criticized his proposals for next year's rate support grant settlement.

With the Government facing the prospect of a serious backbench revolt against his plans, which have particularly angered MPs in southern shire counties, Mr Ridley defended his proposed grant settlement and implicitly criticized "the 'flash' political reaction" from fellow Conservatives.

He said Tory councils and councillors believed there was no alternative to paying nationally negotiated wage increases for their staff, and feared the resulting wage bills would push up spending above the rate of inflation.

It was "intolerable" that the Government and councillors were at the mercy of artificial machinery which dictated how much was to be taken from taxpayers and ratepayers to keep services going.

"It is open to local authorities to opt out of national agreements and to pay their staff what they can afford. So any local authority that wants to can take control of its payroll costs – and I strongly advise them to do so."

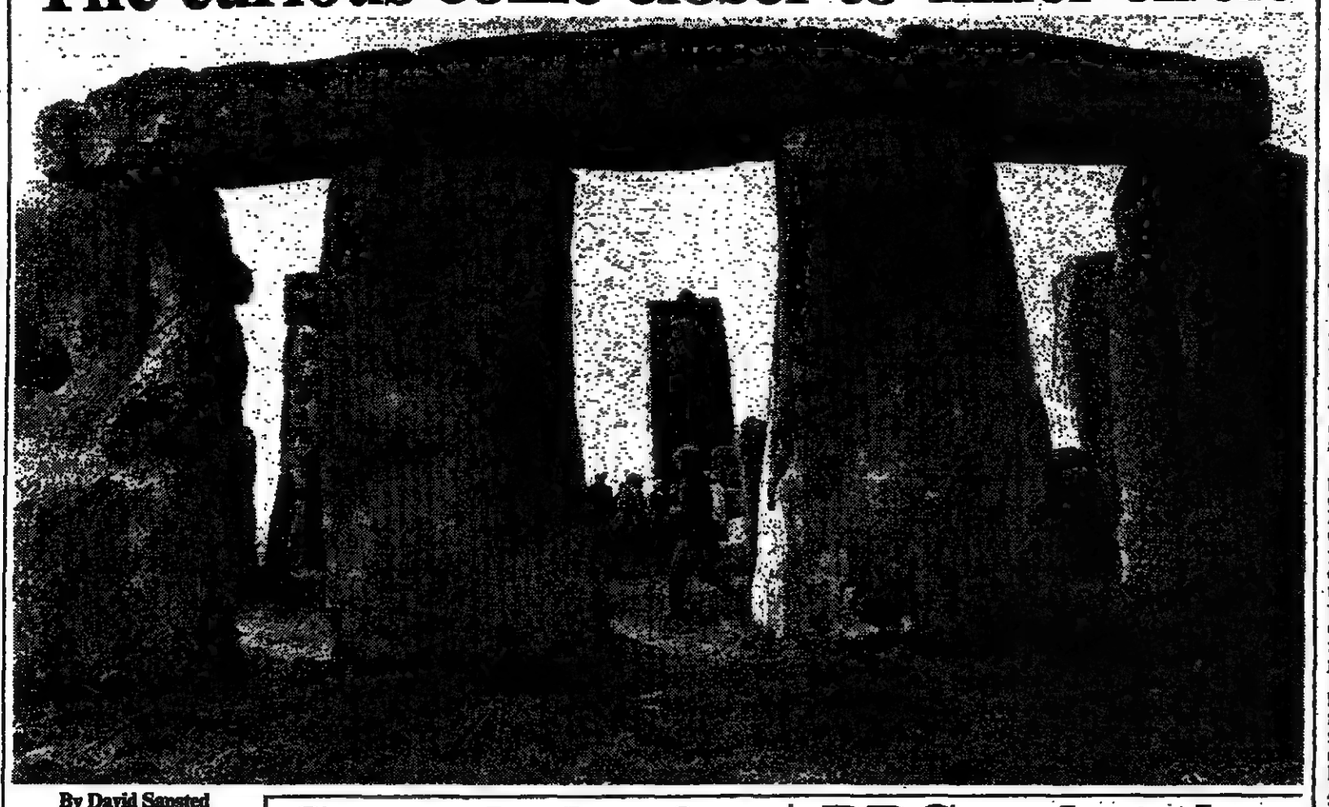
Mr Ridley added: "What I can't accept is that local authorities who neither take a grip of their staff numbers, nor restrain pay increases, should simply take the resultant increase in their payroll costs as God-given.

"I wish they were as good at controlling their own costs as they are at lobbying the Government for more money. It is a sort of irresponsibility which in the end central government can't accept."

In last night's speech to the Carlton Club in London, the only hope offered by Mr Ridley to his critics was the repeated promise of reforming the rating system, but not during this parliament.

He hoped rates would be close to being abolished by 1990-91.

The curious come closer to inner circle



By David Sapsted

Stonehenge yesterday echoed to the tramp of visitors' feet as English Heritage reopened the gates to the inner circle of pagan stones.

For most of the year people – not in the least Druids and hippies – are banned from actually getting to the stones, but English Heritage has once again decided to let the curious come closer this winter.

"The reason is simply that fewer people visit Stonehenge at this time of the year and, consequently, the dangers of soil erosion from thousands of pairs of feet are much less," a spokesman for the organization said.

Until the end of February, provided the ground is not too boggy, visitors will be allowed inside the fence on Tuesdays and Fridays between 9.30 am and 4 pm.

Last year, more than 650,000 people visited Stonehenge, making it by far the biggest drawcard among the hundreds of attractions owned by English Heritage.

Photograph: Nick Rogers

Secret deal to free American hostages

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Jihad kidnappers in Lebanon.

● The Syrian diplomat kidnapped in Tehran last month was Syria's principle intermediary not only between Iran and the pro-Iranian Hezbollah (Party of God) in Lebanon but also between Iran and the United States. Mr Iyad Mahmoud, the Syrian envoy – who was abducted on the orders of an official of the Iranian Revolutionary Guards – was instrumental in securing the release of Mr David Dodge, who was kidnapped in 1982.

Hojatolislam Rafsanjani last night himself listed Iran's conditions for assisting in the release of the American hostages in Lebanon as "the return of Iranian assets, the recognition of the denied rights of Lebanese Muslim people and the freedom of political prisoners incarcerated in Israel and other parts of the world".

But the statement can be most accurately interpreted as an attempt to embarrass Syria following pressure on Iran from Damascus to free three American hostages.

Only 24 hours before Mr Rafsanjani's extraordinary statement, the pro-Syrian Lebanese magazine *al-Shiraa* had claimed that Mr Macfarlane had visited Iran in September, a report which Mr McFarlane himself specifically denied. But his presence among a small group of Americans sent to Tehran during the summer has been common gossip.

According to these diplomats, America managed to exploit a power struggle within the Iranian clergy, offering weapons for the Iranian armed forces to those who favoured a settlement of the hostage crisis in Lebanon.

A spokesman for Mr McFarlane in the United States said last night that President Reagan's former aide had no comment to make on the statements in Iran. But an Arab diplomat who has served in Iran told *The Times* that the Iranians had been instrumental in securing Dr Jacobsen's release after the Syrians had made it clear they were responsible for the groups holding the hostages in Lebanon.

BBC reply today on bias complaint

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poll which said that only 10 per cent of people thought the BBC biased against the Government and that 88 per cent thought it wrong that the Conservative Party should seek to influence the way the BBC covered news items.

But while Mr Tebbit and Conservative Central Office remain convinced that the battle will be worth it in the long term, by starting to get what they see as the right questions asked about the BBC and its management, some ministers are now anxious to draw a line under the whole episode as soon as the specific questions raised have been answered. They believe, and Mr Tebbit actually agrees with them, that it will not serve anybody's interests for a long -running battle to continue until the next election.

In the Commons yesterday Mr Kinnock accused Mr Tebbit of manic efforts, using "smears and menaces" to coerce the corporation into manipulating news the way he and the Prime Minister would like.

Mrs Thatcher replied that it was a straightforward matter of whether the BBC was honouring the terms of its charter and licence agreement.

Later former Labour Leader Mr James Callaghan suggested that rather than acting impartially as a minister Mr Tebbit had sent a "bullying letter" in his role as party chairman.

● The BBC is expected today to accuse the Conservative Party of making claims that were "not true" to support its allegation that the BBC broadcast biased reports on the American raid on Libya.

The BBC's detailed refutation deals with every one of the specific complaints raised by Mr Tebbit.

In almost every case, the BBC concludes that the factual statements used by Mr Tebbit to support his allegations of bias were false.

The report states that the BBC's only important error in its Libyan coverage was to link the raid with the attempted bombing of an El Al jetliner at Heathrow Airport two days later.

"This assumption was not correct," the BBC admits.

Frank Johnson in the Commons

The star of peak viewing time

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, the Labour member for Workington, and his campaign in sympathy with *Panorama* (see this space yesterday and doubtless many times in the future) continues to occupy the House's attention.

Mr Neil Hamilton, one of the two Tory MPs who brought a libel action against the programme for suggestions of right wing extremism, yesterday complained to the Speaker about Mr Campbell-Savours.

The essence of the complaint was that, by points of order and other parliamentary devices, Mr Campbell-Savours was using parliamentary privilege to carry on the BBC's defence in the libel action, even though that defence had been abandoned in court and a settlement reached with the plaintiffs.

If that is true, Mr Campbell-Savours has only been fulfilling his role as the flagship of Labour backbench current affairs broadcasting. He is the continuation of *Panorama* by other means. Mr Campbell-Savours goes out nearly every day at peak viewing time. This is the period at the end of question time when the House is fullest and the Speaker considers points of order and members' applications for emergency debates. After that, for viewers on both sides of the House, it is usually time for the main debate of the day and sleep.

Mr Campbell-Savours has long been thought more effective than what many viewers regard as such outmoded, over-theatrical programmes as Mr Andrew Faulds (Warley East, Lab). His only rival on the Labour benches is *Tam Dalyell* – the member for Linlithgow responsible for immensely long investigative shows about Westland or the sinking of the *Belgrano* and the attempted sinking of Mrs Thatcher. Mr Campbell-Savours' only rival on the other channel is perhaps the downmarket Mr Geoffrey Dickens (Littleborough and Saddleworth, C).

Nearly every day for over a week now the Campbell-Savours programme has been about the alleged injustice done to *Panorama* in its having to give in to the two Tory plaintiffs. In questions, and points of order, he keeps hinting that Conservative Central Office frightened away certain moderate Tories from giving evidence to substantiate *Panorama's* claims against the two MPs. Mr Tebbit is trying to stop the truth coming out, he suggests.

In his most recent shows, he has taken the opportunity of adding that Mr Tebbit is also persecuting the BBC in the "Libyan bombing" affair. Logically, the Libyan bombing affair has nothing to do with the libel action. But why spoil a good programme?

And so Mr Hamilton, as an outraged viewer of Mr Campbell-Savours over many days, yesterday told the Speaker that the Labour member had simply been repeating "various libels" which had been "accepted by the BBC in a statement in open court as being totally without foundation". Mr Hamilton added that, because Mr Campbell-Savours' remarks had been made under the protection of parliamentary privilege, the newspapers had been able to repeat them.

Mr Hamilton obviously suspected that Mr Campbell-Savours was getting his information from BBC sources which had been opposed to *Panorama* abandoning its defence of the libel action. "The BBC are refighting a battle they lost in court," he said.

Mr Bernard Weatherill, the Speaker, replied that what Mr Campbell-Savours had done was "in House of Commons terms, in order". That may be so, but we have not heard the last of the matter. Nor had we heard the last of Mr Campbell-Savours.

He rose yesterday to stand by his story. To substantiate his earlier show about intimidation of witnesses by Central Office, he said he had sent the transcript of a tape recording to the Attorney General. Then he turned to what he regarded as the related subject of Mr Tebbit and the Libyan bombing.

"BBC journalists are looking over their shoulders in fear,". Quite so. But normally it is at other BBC journalists who are after their jobs. "The whole nation should rally in support of the BBC," he said. He was now conjuring up visions of "Free Michael Cockerell Now" committees being formed in our factories, and of Camden Council renaming a street as Kate Addie Avenue.

Mr Campbell-Savours will go out again at his usual time today.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen holds an Investiture, Buckingham Palace, 11; and later attends the gala opening of the Royal College of Music Opera Theatre, 7. The Prince of Wales, President, the Royal College of Music Development Fund, also attends.

Princess Anne, Chancellor, London University, opens Wye College new student residence and attends the launch of the college appeal, Ashford, Kent, 10.50; and later opens the new hostel for students of the United Medical and Dental Schools of Guy's and St Thomas's Hospitals, the grounds of Lambeth Palace, 4.30.

Princess Margaret, Colonel-in-Chief, Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, attends their annual cocktail party, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, 6.50.

The Duke of Gloucester presents the Masons' Company Awards 1986, Mercers' Hall, Ironmonger Lane, EC2, 12.15.

The Duchess of Gloucester visits the Warwick Row Day Centre for the Physically Handicapped on their silver jubilee, 3.

The Duchess of Kent, as Chancellor, visits the department of rheumatology, Leeds University, 3; and later, as patron, attends the Leeds Defence Studies Dining Club dinner, 7.

Prince Michael of Kent, as President, the Institute of the Motor Industry, attends their annual meeting, Fanshaws, Brickendon, Herts, 12.45.

New Exhibitions

Nine Portuguese painters; John Hansard Gallery, The University, Southampton; Mon to Sat 10 to 6 (ends Dec 20).

Crafts for Christmas; Coach House Craft Gallery, Gawthorpe Hall, Padiham, Nr Burnley, Lancs; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Dec 23).

Exhibitions in progress

Work by the Ulster Society of Women Artists; Central Library, Belfast; Mon and Thurs 9.30 to 8, Tues, Wed and Fri 9.30 to 5.30, Sat 9.30 to 1 (ends Nov 29).

Recent work by Roger Wilson; Mappin Art Gallery, Weston Park, Sheffield; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Nov 30).

Music

Concert by the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra; St David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30.

Organ recital by Christopher Kent, Reading Town Hall, Blagrave St, 1.10.

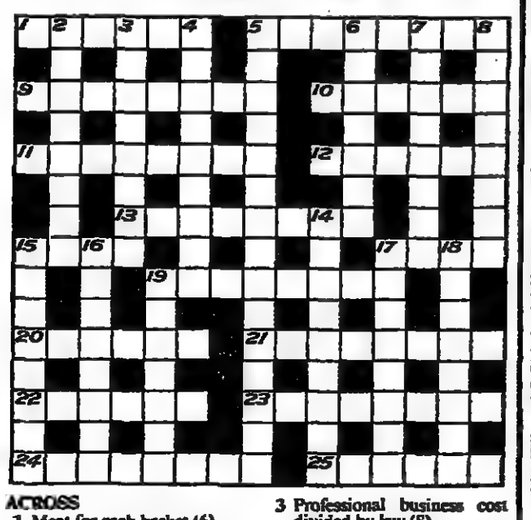
Recital by the Jonathan Williams Horn Trio; Royal Institution, River St, Truro, 7.30.

Concert by the Scottish National Orchester; Caird Hall, Dundee, 7.30.

General

Ardingly Antiques Trade & Collectors Fair, South of England Showground, Ardingly, W Sussex, 9 to 4.

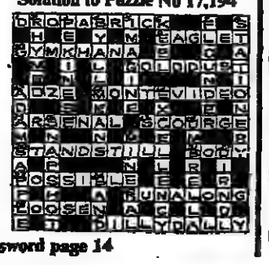
The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,195



ACROSS
1 Meat for each basket (6).
5 Dance student replacing master in madrigal, perhaps (8).
9 In yours truly's exam it constituted a drama (8).
10 Tongue made of gold returned by a host (6).
11 Can be transported in carriage with the necessary power (8).
12 Support for a small number surrounded by a smaller (6).
13 New dairy cat, a pillar of the Establishment? (8).
15 Liquor for a king confined in Kent, perhaps (4).
17 Quantity of potatoes, say, to plunder (4).
19 Like some who rule? Absolutely (8).
20 Old coins for financial backers (6).
21 Garment worn by fielder before bowling (4-4).
22 Herdsman in state university church circle (6).
23 Serviceman posted to East Europe initially, not here (8).
24 Concerning boy worker contributing to the boom (8).
25 Leaders of 6 leave 18 in pet (6).

DOWN
2 The defence in a game a soldier introduced? (8).
3 Professional business cost divided by law (8).
4 Settle for about one thousand stickers by beginning of Easter (9).
5 Must a Sunday page misrepresent this writer? (3,2,10).
6 No sailor escorted outside would wear this (7).
7 They say a girl studied a reptile (8).
8 Dawn's 24-hour holiday (8).
14 Having arrived, dropped article from train – so natural! (9).
15 Unknown killer, having dispatched many (8).
16 Two books about prize plants (8).
17 Glass vessel covered once for travellers on the prairie (8).
18 Charge a smaller amount, being unconcerned (8).
19 Swimmer lacking the vitality of Marlborough's Lord Treasurer? (7).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,194



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New books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
Cambodian Witness, The Autobiography of Someth May, edited and introduced by James Fenton (Faber, £9.95)
Gustav Klimt: Women, introductory essay by Angelica Bäumer (Weidenfeld – Nicolson, £30)
Hobbes, by Tom Sorell (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £14.95)
King Arthur, Hero and Legend, by Richard Barber (Boydell & Brewer, £12.95)
Russian Studies, by Leonard Schapiro (Collins Harvill, £15)
The Best Buildings of England, by Nikolaus Pevsner; an anthology compiled by Bridget Cherry and John Newman (Viking, £14.95)
The Christians and the Roman Empire, by Marta Sordi, translated by Annabel Bedini (Croom Helm, £18.95)
The History of the Royal Academy 1768-1986, by Sidney C. Hutchinson (Robert Royce, £14.95)
The Market for Glory, Fleet Street Ownership in the 20th Century, by Simon Jenkins (Faber, £9.95)
The Theory & Practice of Lunch, by Keith Waterhouse (Michael Joseph, £5.95) PH

Roads

The Midlands: M1: Roadworks on the southbound carriageway between junctions 27 (A608 Heanor) and 28 (A38 Manfield); delays. M5: Contraflow between junctions 4 and 5 to the SW of Birmingham; also overnight lane closures. A449: Contraflow between Kidderminster and Worcester at Crown Lane, Hartlebury.

Wales and West: M4: Contraflow between junctions 16 and 17 (Swindon and Chippenham). M5: Contraflow between junctions 24 and 26 (A39 and A38), Somerset. M5: Contraflow at junction 14 (Thornbury), Gloucestershire; northbound entry slip road closed.

The North: M18: Contraflow between junctions 6 and 7; southbound exit and northbound entry closed; diversions. M63: Major roadworks and lane closures at Barton Bridge, Greater Manchester. M6: Major roadworks and lane closures between junctions 17 and 18 near Chester.

Scotland: M8: Lane closures between junctions 17 and 15. M8: Contraflow between junctions 29 and 30. M90: Contraflow between junctions 6 and 4; progressive carriageway repairs.

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Anniversaries

Births: **Washington Allston**, painter, Brook Green Domain, South Carolina, 1779; **Stephen Crane**, novelist, author of *The Red Badge of Courage*, Newark, New Jersey, 1871; **James Elroy Flecker**, poet, author of *Hassan*, London, 1884; **John Burdon Haldane**, physiologist and geneticist, Bhubaneswar, India, 1892; **Vivien Leigh**, Darjeeling, India, 1913.

Deaths: **Angelica Kauffmann**, painter, Rome, 1807; **James Clerk Maxwell**, physicist, Cambridge, 1879; **August Weismann**, biologist, Freiburg im Breisgau, 1914; **Christian Eijkman**, physician, Nobel laureate 1929, Utrecht, 1930; **George M. Cohan**, actor, song-writer, New York, 1942; **Maurice Utrillo**, painter, Le Vésinet, France, 1955; **Mack Sennett**, creator of the Keystone Kops, Hollywood, 1960.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.28	2.16
Austria Sch	21.45	20.25
Belgium Fr	63.45	59.85
Canada $	2.035	1.945
Denmark Kr	11.40	10.80
Finland Mkk	7.52	7.02
France Fr	9.85	9.35
Germany Dm	3.085	2.965
Greece Dr	236.00	208.00
Hong Kong $	11.30	10.60
Ireland Pt	1.115	1.055
Italy Lira	2010.00	1990.00
Japan Yen	244.00	230.00
Netherlands Gld	3.43	3.24
Norway Kr	11.11	10.51
Portugal Esc	222.00	210.00
South Africa Rd	4.10	3.80
Spain Pta	200.75	189.75
Sweden Kr	10.32	9.77
Switzerland Fr	2.525	2.385
USA $	1.48	1.41
Yugoslavia Dnr	960.00	7.00

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Firework displays

Warrington Display: Bonfire and fireworks, Victoria Park, Warrington, Cheshire, gates open 6 pm (£2 per car, 50p pedestrian).

Ottery St Mary Carnival: Ottery St Mary, Devon, from 6 pm (free).

Clitheroe Display: Bonfire and fireworks, Castle Ground, Clitheroe, Lancs, from 7 pm (free).

Liverpool Displays: Firework displays only: Newsham Park, Wythinshaw Park, Alexandra Park, Manchester, from 7.15 pm.

Preston: Grasshoppers' Display: bonfire and fireworks, Preston Grasshoppers' Rugby Club, Preston, Lancs; gates open 6 pm (admission £1).

Dundee: Fireworks and bonfire displays at Baxter Park, Lochee Park, Finlethen, Ardler and the Esplanade at Broughty Ferry, 6.45 pm (free).

Parnham, Beaminster: 'Lights in the Sky': laser show for Guy Fawkes night, Parnham, Beaminster, Dorset; gates open 7 pm, laser show 7.30 pm (adult £1.50, child 75p).

Lewis: Bonfire Celebrations, torchlight fancy dress processions, bonfire and fireworks, Lewis, E Sussex, 5.30 pm.

Portsmouth: Firework display and bonfire, King George V Playing Field, bonfire lit at 7 pm, fireworks, 7.30 (free).

Langstone Mariner, sea from, bonfire 6.30 pm, fireworks, 7

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Weather forecast

Frontal troughs will move southeastwards across the British Isles.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S, SW England, East Anglia, Channel Islands: Cloudy, rain, heavy at times; wind SW, becoming NW or W later, fresh, occasionally strong; max temp 13C (55F).

Midlands, Wales, E, NW, central N, NE England: Rain clearing from the NW during the afternoon and evening; wind SW, becoming NW or W, fresh or strong, becoming moderate; max temp 12C (54F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Northern Ireland: Rain dying out during the morning, followed by sunny intervals and a few showers; wind SW, becoming NW or W, fresh or strong, but moderating later; max temp 11C (52F).

Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals and showers; wind NW to W fresh or strong; max temp 10C (50F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Bright at first, but more rain spreading from the W later. Near normal temperatures. Windy at times.

Sun rises: 7.01 am | Sun sets: 4.27 pm
Moon rises: 11.43 am | Moon sets: 6.16 pm
First quarter: November 8

Lighting-up time

London 4.57 pm to 6.32 am
Bristol 5.07 pm to 6.42 am
Edinburgh 4.55 pm to 7.00 am
Manchester 4.59 pm to 6.47 am
Penzance 5.23 pm to 6.50 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	8	46	Guernsey	s	11	52
B'ngham	f	10	50	Inverness	r	9	48
Blackpool	s	11	52	Jersey	s	12	54
Bristol	s	11	52	London	f	11	52
Cardiff	f	11	52	M'chester	c	8	46
Edinburgh	c	8	46	Newcastle	s	10	50
Glasgow	c	10	50	N'ckaway	c	11	52

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): National Health Service (Amendment) Bill, Lords amendments. Rate Support Grant (Scotland) Order.

Lords (2.30): Motion to disapprove statement on change in immigration rules.

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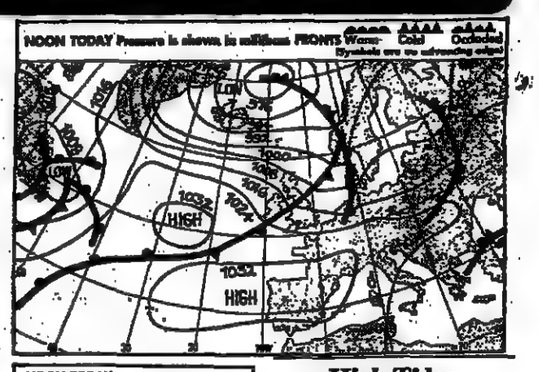

b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. Temperature centigrade.

High Tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.21	7.2	3.36	7.4
Aberdeen	2.44	4.5	3.07	4.3
Avonmouth	8.57	13.2	9.19	12.8
Belfast	12.19	3.7	12.41	3.6
Cardiff	8.42	12.1	9.04	11.8
Devonport	7.33	5.6	7.59	5.4
Dover	12.17	6.7	12.36	6.7
Falmouth	7.03	5.4	7.29	5.2
Glasgow	2.12	5.1	2.35	4.9
Harwich	1.15	4.0	1.38	4.1
Holyhead	11.58	5.7		
Hull	7.51	7.5	8.12	7.5
Ilfracombe	7.34	9.3	7.57	9.1
Leith	4.06	5.6	4.31	5.5
Liverpool	12.32	9.7	12.55	9.5
Lowestoft	11.08	2.6	11.29	2.5
Margate	1.21	4.8	1.36	5.0
Milford Haven	7.51	7.2	8.15	6.9
Newquay	6.41	7.2	7.05	6.9
Oban	7.14	4.1	7.30	3.9
Penzance	6.34	5.7	7.02	5.5
Portland	8.44	2.4	9.15	2.2
Portsmouth	12.54	4.6	1.12	4.6
Shoreham	12.35	6.3	12.54	6.4
Southampton	12.12	4.6	12.30	4.6
Swansea	7.55	9.8	8.18	9.5
Tees	5.13	5.6	5.32	5.5
W'ton-on-Nze	1.13	4.3	1.30	4.4

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	.01	11	52	sunny
Bridlington	4.1	.05	11	52	bright
Cromer	-	-	-	-	-
Lowestoft	0.7	.02	10	50	showers
Clacton	2.4	.05	12	54	rain
Margate	x	-	12	54	rain
Folkestone	1.5	.07	12	54	rain
Hastings	1.7	.02	12	54	rain
Eastbourne	1.1	-	12	54	cloudy
Brighton	0.4	-	11	52	cloudy
Worthing	0.8	-	12	54	cloudy
Littlehmptn	0.4	.02	12	54	bright
Bognor R	1.4	.04	12	54	rain
Southsea	1.8	.04	13	55	rain
Shanklin	0.1	.03	12	54	rain
Bournemouth	0.5	.12	12	54	rain
Poole	0.6	.13	12	54	rain
Swanage	0.1	.14	12	54	rain
Weymouth	0.4	.07	12	54	rain
Exmouth	0.1	.02	12	54	showers
Torquay	-	-	13	55	drizzle
Falmouth	-	.10	12	54	drizzle

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Guernsey	2.6	.02	13	55	showers
Scilly Isles	1.4	.05	12	54	sunny
Newquay	-	.12	12	54	rain
Ilfracombe	x	.19	12	54	bright
Tenby	4.4	.24	12	54	sunny
Morecambe	0.6	.33	10	50	sunny
Douglas	6.9	.52	10	50	sunny
London	0.1	.11	11	52	rain
B'ham Airpt	1.0	.02	9	48	rain
Bristol (Ctr)	-	.02	12	54	showers
Cardiff (Ctr)	0.7	.17	12	54	rain
Anglesey	6.9	.34	11	52	sunny
B'pool Airpt	6.5	.24	11	52	sunny
Manchester	4.4	.02	11	52	sunny
Nottingham	2.3	.01	11	52	rain
N'cstl-n-Tyne	6.3	.01	11	52	sunny
Carlisle	6.4	.20	11	52	sunny
Eskdalemuir	5.1	.43	10	50	showers
Prestwick	3.3	.26	10	50	showers
Glasgow	3.8	.20	11	52	showers
Tiree	3.4	.22	11	52	showers
Baltasound	5.5	.05	11	52	sunny

These are Monday's figures

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	18	64	Cologne	c	8	46	Majorca	s	19	66	Rome	f	15	[illegible]
Akrotiri	s	23	73	C'phagn	f	9	48	Malaga	f	20	68	Salzburg	c	1	34
Alex'dria	f	29	84	Corfu	th	14	57	Malta	c	19	66	S Frisco*	fg	18	64
Algiers	f	20	68	Dublin	c	9	48	Melb'rne	s	29	84	Santiago*	s	21	70
Amst'dm	s	11	52	Dubrovnik	c	15	59	Mexico C*	f	19	66	S Paulo*	r	20	68
Athens	c	17	63	Faro	s	22	72	Miami*	c	28	82	Seoul	f	11	52
Bahrain	s	31	88	Florence	s	12	54	Milan	s	11	52	Sing'pore	f	27	81
Barbados*	f	29	84	Frankfurt	c	6	43	Monrovia*	f	6	43	Stockholm	c	5	41
Barcelona	s	16	61	Funchal	c	20	68	Moscow	c	1	34	Strasb'rg	c	4	39
Beirut	-	-	-	Geneva	s	7	45	Munich	c	1	34	Sydney	s	24	75
Belgrade	c	3	37	Gibraltar	f	21	70	Nairobi	-	-	-	Tangier	f	23	73
Berlin	c	8	46	Helsinki	r	4	39	Naples	f	13	55	Tel aviv	f	23	73
Bermuda*	f	26	79	Hong K	s	25	77	N Delhi	s	28	82	Tenerife	f	23	73
Biarritz	s	10	50	Innsbruck	s	7	45	N York*	f	11	52	Tokyo	c	21	70
Borde'x	s	10	50	Istanbul	f	14	57	Nice	s	17	63	Toronto*	c	9	48
Boul'ne	-	-	-	Jeddah	-	-	-	Oslo	s	2	36	Tunis	f	18	64
Brussels	s	10	50	Jo'burg	s	23	73	Paris	c	7	45	Valencia	s	19	66
Budapest	s	7	45	Karachi	s	33	91	Peking	s	15	59	Vanc'ver*	c	7	45
B Aires*	c	16	61	L Palmas	f	23	73	Perth	c	18	64	Venice	c	-	-
Cairo	f	26	79	Lisbon	s	17	63	Prague	f	6	43	Vienna	f	6	43
Cape Tn	s	17	63	Locarno	s	11	52	Reykjvk	r	6	43	Warsaw	c	5	41
C'blanca	s	21	70	L Angeles*	s	25	77	Rhodes	s	21	70	Wash'ton*	f	13	55
Chicago*	c	6	43	Luxembg	c	6	43	Rio de J	s	22	72	Wel'ngton	f	5	41
Ch'church	f	16	61	Madrid	s	17	63	Riyadh	s	29	84	Zurich	f	5	41

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1294.3 (+0.2)

FT-SE 100
1637.7 (–1.50)

Bargains
32686 (36712)

USM (Datastream)
126.98 (+0.66)

THE POUND

US Dollar
1.4145 (+0.0035)

W German mark
2.9096 (–0.0013)

Trade-weighted
68.6 (–0.1)

Montagu defection

Barclays de Zoete Wedd has added to its capital markets capability by recruiting a Eurobond trading team from Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank. It is the first mass defection of a dealing team to a different bank since Big Bang a week ago.

The team is headed by Mr Alan Reid, who was a Samuel Montagu director and now becomes head of trading in BZW's international capital markets division. He is bringing with him three dollar Eurobond dealers and two sterling Eurobond dealers.

Until now, BZW has had virtually no involvement in the secondary Eurobond market.

This is the latest in a series of moves by Mr Ken Green, head of the international capital markets division, to broaden BZW's involvement in capital markets. The conglomerate has chosen a policy of acquisition to achieve this aim which may include the purchase of a primary dealership in the US.

Bigger stake

American Trust has agreed to subscribe for up to 2.67 million new Edinburgh Oil and Gas shares at 30p a share to raise £730,000 in a move that could increase its holding from 26.5 per cent to a maximum of 40.8 per cent. Other Edinburgh shareholders will have the opportunity to maintain their percentage holding through a one-for-four rights issue at 30p.

Profits trebled

Pretax profits at GT Management almost trebled in the six months to September 30. They rose from £2.2 million to £6 million on turnover up 65 per cent at £18.8 million. The interim dividend was raised from 0.67p to 1.25p.

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IBA approval

The Independent Broadcasting Authority has approved plans by Anglia Television to give voting rights to its A shares, which are traded on the Stock Exchange, and to compensate B and C shareholders with a four-for-three bonus issue.

Ban on coins

British imports of South African gold coins are now banned irrespective of their country of origin. Previously only direct imports from South Africa were banned.

Arlington link

Arlington Securities plans to partner Teesland Development in a £25 million town-centre development for Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria.

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Official reserves in biggest fall since 1982

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Britain's official reserves fell by an underlying $668 million (£474 million) last month, the biggest monthly drop for four years. The large fall in the reserves was due to Bank of England support for the pound in the foreign exchange markets.

The recorded fall in the reserves last month was bigger than the average of City expectations. However, it is unlikely to reflect the full extent of official support for sterling last month, because much of the intervention will have been conducted on a forward basis.

In addition, the Bank of England called upon the West German Bundesbank to help in the support operation for the pound about the time of the International Monetary Fund meetings in Washington at the end of September and the beginning of October.

The cost of this support will be paid back by the British authorities over the next few months.

The reserves stood at $21,992 million (£15,614 million) at the end of last month, compared with $22,426 million (£15,491 million) at the end of September.

(The pound/dollar conversions were done at the prevailing rates for each month). The actual fall, of $434 million, understated the underlying fall because borrowings under the exchange cover scheme, of $389 million, exceeded repayments of $60 million.

The reserves were also affected by the quarterly valuation change under the European Monetary Co-operation Fund provisions, which reduced them by $92 million as a result of the dollar's decline against the European Currency Unit.

The underlying fall in the reserves, of $668 million, was the largest since December 1982, when the pound was weak because of political uncertainties ahead of the 1983 General Election.

Treasury officials said the underlying reserves total showed a rise of $30 million since the start of the year, and the fall in the reserves in the second half of last year was recouped in the early months of this year.

The actual reserves' total was boosted in September by a $4 billion floating rate note issued by the Government. This was issued to bolster the reserves and, as it turned out, was a timely move.

The pressure on the pound, and the need for official intervention, has eased in the past few days. Yesterday, however, the pound slipped slightly, with the sterling index dipping from 68.7 to 68.6.

The pound gained 35 points to $1.4145 against the dollar, but slipped fractionally to DM2.9096 against the mark. In the money markets, rates were little changed, three-month interbank rate closing to 11 1/16–10 15/16 per cent.

Despite the pound's improved performance over the past few days, its recovery has been insufficiently robust to remove underlying doubts and lift fears of a further rise in base rates completely.

Dealers believe the pound could be vulnerable if the new Saudi Arabian oil minister, Sheikh Hishan Nazer, fails in his attempt to drive oil prices up.

The pound may also have received some short-term benefit because of the US mid-term elections yesterday, which caused some dealers to take up defensive positions on the dollar.

The Adelphi in the Strand: housing all Manufacturers Hanover's activities under one roof.

US bank leaves City after 50 years

By Judith Huntley
Commercial Property Correspondent

Manufacturers Hanover Corporation, the American bank housed in Princes Street, City of London, for 50 years, is moving into 300,000 sq ft of space at the Adelphi in the Strand.

The bank purchased the Adelphi lease from the Phillips Petroleum Company UK for £90 million. It has the option to buy the freehold from the Prudential Assurance Company.

The move away from the Square Mile allows the bank to concentrate all its activities, including investment banking, under one roof, in addition to expanding its international activities from London.

Manufacturers intends to open 150 dealing positions in the Adelphi and foreign exchange and Eurobond dealers will work on a new trading floor. The bank may also venture into gilts trading.

But it says it has no intention of becoming a market-maker yet. So far Manufacturers has not bought a broking or jobbing house, believing the costs did not justify the returns. But the bank says it has not ruled out the possibility.

The leases on Manufacturers' existing offices, except 7 Princes Street, which is near the Bank of England, will be sold. The bank says it will keep a City office, possibly retaining space in its existing headquarters.

Phillips Petroleum UK is moving to 120,000 sq ft of offices in two buildings in Woking, Surrey. It is paying rents of £14 a sq ft and £12 a sq ft with a rent-free period.

Maxwell stake surprise

By Alison Eadie

Mr Robert Maxwell, publisher of the *Daily Mirror*, yesterday enhanced his reputation for springing surprises, when he announced he had bought more McCorquodale shares at prices up to 6p above the management buyout terms.

Mr Maxwell bought a further 1.275 million shares, or 2.5 per cent, in two blocks at 302p and 306p. His total holding in the company is now 17.2 per cent. He assented 10.8 per cent to the hotly contested £151.7 million bid from Norton Opax.

Mr John Holloran, chief executive of McCorquodale and the man leading the buyout, said he had no idea what Mr Maxwell's intentions were. McCorquodale shares closed unchanged at 290p yesterday, the highest level they have reached.

Mr Maxwell's previous purchases have been well below the buyout terms at 300p cash, leaving him with a profit of about £3 million.

Mr John Wood, the McCorquodale chairman, who is not involved in the buyout, yesterday wrote to shareholders, recommending the management buyout offer. The independent directors and McCorquodale's adviser, Kleinwort Benson, said the terms of the offer from Datafin, the new company, were fair and reasonable.

Shareholders were urged to take no action until they saw the formal offer document, expected early next week. Opax's bid closes on Friday and although the company has not ruled out raising its terms to top the £156 million buyout, an increased offer looks unlikely.

Opax has acceptances of 27.3 per cent in addition to its 14.9 per cent stake, giving it control of 42.2 per cent of McCorquodale.

Albert Fisher in £44.7m buy

By Lawrence Lever

Albert Fisher Group, the fast-growing food distribution and service company, went back on the acquisition trail yesterday with purchases worth £44.7 million.

The company is paying £38 million for three Distillers food subsidiaries owned by Guinness and a maximum $9.5 million (£6.7 million) for a Florida fruit and vegetable distributor.

The deals increase Albert Fisher's share capital by 37.5 per cent. Since Mr Tony Millar took over as chairman four years ago, Albert Fisher's stock market value has soared from £720,000 to about £165 million.

Two weeks ago, the company announced that full-year pretax profits had more than doubled to £8.35 million. Yesterday, it forecast a 30 per cent increase in its total dividend on the enlarged share capital for the present year.

"These deals contain no earnings dilutions," Mr Millar promised. "Moreover, profits will now be more or less evenly split between Britain and the US. Last year about two-thirds came from the US."

Albert Fisher's shares rose 4p on yesterday's announcement, closing at 166p.

The three Guinness food companies – Stratford-upon-Avon Canners, MCC Foods and Frank Idiens & Sons – between them produced pretax profits of £3.3 million in the year to March 31. The companies have net assets of £22.1 million and together employ 600 people.

The American purchase – Red's Group – had net tangible assets of $1.9 million as at October 15. Its pretax profits in the nine-and-a-half months to that date amounted to $1.6 million before extraordinary items and non-recurring expenditure.

Tony Millar: soaring stock market value.

Albert Fisher is paying an initial $3.5 million for the Red's Group in a mixture of cash and shares with a maximum payment of $9.5 million depending on profits to the end of August 1989.

The Red's Group is a wholesaler and distributor of fresh fruit and vegetables to about 1,200 customers in Florida.

The company is raising the £38 million for the British aquisitions via a vendor placing of 25.3 million shares at 150p, compared to its 161p share price before the announcement.

It is raising a further £7.5 million through a 5 million shares issue, also at 150p, for the American purchase, to refinance two recently announced US aquisitions and to pay related costs.

A clawback on 90 per cent of the total 30.3 million shares being placed will be offered to Albert Fisher shareholders. Employees of Albert Fisher and the three British food companies it is buying will have similar rights over the outstanding 10 per cent.

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Hunting makes £2m provision against stake

Hunting Group is to make a £2 million provision against its 47 per cent stake in the troubled New England Properties.

New England has run into problems with a major London property refurbishment scheme. Details of their full impact will be set out in a circular to shareholders.

Group profits at the half way stage were struck before taking account of the provision. They emerged at £2.7 million compared with £1.9 million last year.

Profits of Hunting Petroleum Services are held back by losses in its oilfield services activities but the aviation and defence operations of Hunting Associated Industries are expected to show continuing growth in the second half.

Beazer flop highlights City's dim view of rights issues

By Cliff Feltham

Mr Brian Beazer, chairman of CH Beazer, the fast-growing Bath housebuilding group, admitted last night that the company's rapid expansion may have come to a halt after disappointment over his latest City fund-raising exercise.

The balance of Beazer's recent £180 million rights issue, used to acquire Gifford-Hill, the US construction materials group, was placed with City clients after only 72 per cent was taken up by shareholders.

Mr Beazer, who has blazed a takeover trail and boosted the value of his company from £5 million to more than £550 million in seven years, said: "Since we launched the issue we have suffered from great uncertainty in the stock market, a rise in base rates and, of course, an increase in mortgage rates. I don't think anything was wrong with the pricing of our issue but our advisers have had to contend with a fairly turbulent time.

"I think that from now on we will be concentrating our energies on successfully merging the Gifford-Hill business. We will not be looking at any further acquisitions at this stage."

Beazer's share price has fallen from 230p, before the announcement of the two-for-three rights issue in September, bumped along at 180p, the issue price, and has recovered to 189p.

Mr Mike Whittles of Messel's corporate finance department, which completed the placing of 30 million shares with City institutions, admitted: "We worked very hard to get this one away. Unfortunately, the market took a dive almost from the day the issue was announced."

City observers believe sentiment has turned against rights issues.

Mr Martin Daws, analyst at De Zoete & Bevan, the stockbroker, said: "I think people are beginning to become wary of the building sector. We certainly see a period of decline ahead. Despite the boom in house prices the profits being made by the builders are not great."

First Interstate ponders new BankAmerica bid

From Our Correspondent, Washington

First Interstate Bancorp, whose $3.4 billion (£2.4 billion) bid for BankAmerica Corporation was rejected, said yesterday it was reviewing its options to see if further overtures were warranted.

It was believed that First Interstate would launch a hostile takeover bid for the California bank if its friendly offer was rejected by management. But officials said a hostile takeover would be unusual in the banking industry and would not please regulators who maintain a tight control over the industry.

BankAmerica's board issued a statement on Monday asking all potential suitors to withdraw to give it time to raise the value of its shares and inject new capital into the troubled bank.

Analysts said the rejection by BankAmerica was a ploy to gain more time to pursue other avenues that will allow it to remain independent. Mr A W "Tom" Clausen, the new chief executive, has indicated this is his goal.

But BankAmerica's continuing losses and its urgent need for capital have made it an attractive takeover target for a number of large institutions. Citicorp, the largest US bank, has designs on the bank.

First Interstate said it would return to the drawing board with the aim of producing another plan.

BCal sells last of its package tour hotels

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

British Caledonian yesterday completed its withdrawal from the package holiday business with the sale of hotel interests in the Balearics and Canary Islands.

The disposal of the 10 hotels for an undisclosed sum to Sol Hotels follows the sale of Jetsave in September and Blue Sky and Arrowsmith last year.

Sir Adam Thomson, BCal chairman, said that after these disposals "there was no natural business relationship within the group for a chain of hotels geared exclusively to the charter-based, inclusive tour market." The sale was "on satisfactory terms".

BCal decided a year ago to move out of the tour operating and holiday business and concentrate instead on catering for the business travel market through its Copthorne Hotels subsidiary.

Yesterday's deals included hotels in Mallorca, Ibiza, Menorca and Gran Canaria. All of the hotels are holiday units with accommodation contracted out to tour operators in Britain and Northern Europe.

The slump earlier this year in transatlantic traffic, the curtailment of flights to Libya, and the sharp depreciation of the Nigerian currency mean BCal will be lucky to break even.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 1863.30 (–10.96)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Dow ..... 16786.90 (–49.69)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2265.82 (+7.04)
Amsterdam Gen ..... 279.6 (+1.1)
Sydney: AO ..... 1381.1 (+5.4)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 2013.3 (+10.4)
Brussels:
General ..... 3914.41 (+25.29)
Paris: CAC ..... 382.4 (–0.2)
Zurich:
SKA General ..... 546.50 (+2.70)

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INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 11%
3-month interbank 11 1/16-10 15/16%
3-month eligible bills: 10 11/16-9 9/16% buying rate
US:
Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 5⅞%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.25-5.23%*
30-year bonds 95⅞-95 15/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.4145	$: £1.4160*
£: DM2.9096	$: DM2.0575*
£: SwFr2.4245	$: SwFr1.7160*
£: FFr9.4913	$: FFr6.7135*
£: Yen231.69	$: Yen164.05*
£: Index:68.6	$: Index:112.5
ECU £0.719823	SDR £0.847700

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Hopkinsons ..... 314p (+24p)
A.C. Holdings ..... 320p (+27p)
Morland ..... 328p (+24p)
Meat Trade ..... 147p (+12p)
Delyn Packaging ..... 201p (+33p)
John Menzies ..... 339p (+19p)
Atkins Bros. ..... 258p (+15p)
Early's Witney ..... 130p (+15p)
Coats Viyella ..... 463p (+11p)
BAT Industries ..... 480p (+12p)
AGB Research ..... 177p (+13p)
Microfilm ..... 598p (+20p)
Tay Homes ..... 203p (+11p)
Thorpac ..... 200p (+10p)
Photax ..... 83p (+10p)
Sun Oil ..... 68p (+23p)

FALLS:
Oxford Insts. ..... 445p (–11p)
Kennedy Brookes ..... 248p (–12p)
Shell ..... 920p (–11p)
Regalian Props. ..... 345p (–15p)

Prices are as at 4pm

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $408.50 pm $408.00
close $408.25-408.75 (£288.50-289.00)
New York:
Comex $408.10-408.60*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec.) pm $14.15bbl ($14.25)

* Denotes latest trading price

Fed unlikely to cut rates as economy shows revival signs

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The powerful open market committee of the US Federal Reserve Board meets today to chart a new monetary course following an historic agreement with Japan which gives the central bank more flexibility to lower interest rates.

But the consensus among analysts is that the Fed will not lower rates nowbecause the economy is showing signs of revival as it moves into the final quarter of the year. During the third quarter, the economy expanded at a rate of 2.4 per cent, up from a dismal 0.6 per cent in the second quarter.

"I do not think they are going to do anything. The Fed is looking at signs of improvement in the economy," said Mr Lyle Gramley, a former central bank governor who is chief economist of the Mortgage Bankers Association.

The recent pick-up is largely attributable to a flurry of transactions by businesses and consumers ready for the big tax law changes coming into effect on January 1.

Nonetheless, the Fed's emphasis since August has been to prevent a recession through an aggressive monetary policy producing a succession of discount rate cuts.

Analysts noted yesterday that the recent pick-up appeared to be only modest and that current projections are for a downturn early next year when the effects of the new tax laws are expected to retard business growth.

Should the Fed decide to stimulate the economy furtherto avoid a recession in 1987, it would have more flexibility to do so in the aftermath of Japan's decision to cut its discount rate to 3 per cent.

In addition, the US-Japan agreement that the dollar-yen ratio is at appropriate levels eases fears that another drop in American rates would seriously undermine the dollar, causing a revival of inflation.

But there is remarkable agreement among economists that the Fed will do little at present, preferring to hold off on another rate cut until the economy shows signs of decline.

The current projections among a wide range of analysts are for increased growth of between 3.7 per cent and 4.2 per cent in the fourth quarter.

● The Bundesbank has indicated it is not interested in stimulating the national economy further at present through a discount rate cut. West German officials have described the US-Japan accord as a "bilateral agreement" which does not affect Germany's economic policies.

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Hong Kong listings lowest since 1972

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

Hong Kong has the lowest number of listed companies since 1972, despite the recent runaway success of its stock market.

There are only 255 listed companies, compared with 278 a year ago and a record 313 at the end of June 1973, according to figures released by the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

In the last five years, companies have been listed at a rate of only six a year. So far this year there have only been three new listings.

The Hang Seng Index has soared by more than 40 per cent to 2,315 since March. Money from foreign and local investors has been pouring into the big names on the exchange – *the top 20 firms* account for 80 per cent of the market's capitalization.

There are two principal reasons for the dramatic fall in the number of listed companies. Magnates such as Sir Yue Kong Pao and Mr Li Kashing have been expanding and taking over a succession of local companies.

Mr Li's Hutchison Whampoa empire is the third largest company on the exchange (market capitalization HK$22.5 billion or £2.04 billion) while his Cheung Kong trading group ranks eleventh with a market capitalization of *HK$12.6 billion.*

But the market is still dominated by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HK$30.8 billion).

While bigger companies have been swallowing up the smaller fish, some businesses wanting a listing have been simply reversing into dormant shells.

First for Mrs Fields

Mrs Fields, the American cookies company, and Hong Kong's largest property group will open the first of a chain of cookies and ice cream shops in the Crown Colony next month.

Mrs Fields and Hong Kong Land hope that the Cookies 'n Cream shop will launch a chain that will stretch into China. This is the first time Mrs Fields has gone into a joint venture.

Last year Mrs Fields – which has more than 380 outlets in the United States, Britain, Japan and Australia – reported profits of $72 million (£51 million).

The company will supply its soft, chewy cookies and Hong Kong Land will provide ice creams through its Dairy Farm subsidiary.

Together they have set up a new firm, Mrs Fields Cookies Far East Ltd, with an initial issued share capital of HK$3 million (£272,727).

Regan rules himself out of running for Fed job

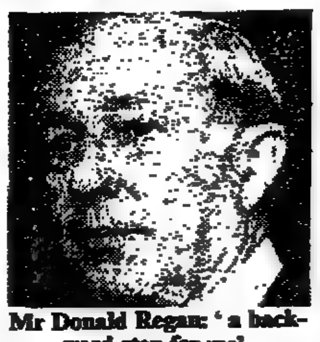
From Bailey Morris Washington

Mr Donald Regan, the White House chief of staff, has firmly rejected the possibility of succeeding Mr Paul Volcker as chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board.

In a broadcast interview in which he was asked about repeated rumours that he is the top candidate to replace Mr Volcker, Mr Regan said he was not interested.

"I think that would be, with all due respect to Paul Volcker and my associates there on the board, a step backward for me," Mr Regan said.

He did revive speculation, however, that Mr Volcker is not likely to be reappointed when his term expires next August.



Mr Donald Regan: 'a backward step for me'

Asked about the chances of another Volcker term, Mr Regan said: "It is too early to tell".

Following the appointment by President Reagan of five of the seven board members, reports have circulated widely that Mr Volcker would either resign early or refuse to take a third term if one was offered.

Names reportedly under consideration by the Administration to succeed him are the Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, Mr Manuel Johnson, vice chairman of the board, and Mr Regan, who has been a strong critic of Mr Volcker.

In addition, the Treasury Secretary, Mr James Baker, has been considered a possible replacement but his associates say it is unlikely he would accept such an offer, choosing instead to return to politics in the campaign of Vice President George Bush for the presidency in 1988.

APPOINTMENTS

American Chamber of Commerce (UK): **Mrs Jean Wadlow, Mr Charles McVeigh III, and Mr Archie Forster** join the board.

Savills: **Mrs Aviva Gershuny-Roth** has been appointed director of marketing.

SupaSnapS: **Mr Andrew Miller** becomes managing director from next month and **Mr Brian Perkins** becomes sales director.

Dearden Farrow: **Mr David Tallon** becomes senior partner, succeeding Mr Ray Whittaker.

Hunting Associated Industries: **Sir Ronald Mason** has been made a director.

London & Clydeside Holdings: **Mr Willie Wiseman** joins the board.

Security Pacific Hoare Govett: **Mr George Handjinicolaou** becomes vice president.

Oceana Asset Management: **Mr Gwyn Davies** becomes director, corporate finance.

ECS International UK: ***Mr Antoine Colboc*** *becomes* managing director.

CW Communications: **Mr Martin Durham** has been promoted vice president, northern Europe.

TecQuipment: **Mr AC Brightman** has been made chief executive, from December 1.

PRO NED: **Mr Bruce Rhodes** has been appointed associate director.

Binder Hamlyn: **Mr William Casey, Mr Christopher Honeyman Brown, Mr Alastair Scrimgeour and Mr Phillip Sykes** become partners.

Cussins Property Group: **Mr Alasdair Mackenzie** has been made commerical director.

Cullen's Holdings: **Mr Edward Rochford** becomes finance director.

Hogg buys two estate agencies

By Alison Eadie

Hogg Robinson, the insurance broker to travel and estate agency group, yesterday announced the expansion of its estate agency network to 47 outlets through the acquisition of two more agencies for £5.8 million.

It is buying Anscombe & Ringland with eight offices in central London and Russell, Baldwin & Bright with 14 branches in Herefordshire. *Hogg is the ninth largest estate agency group in Britain.*

The combined pretax profits of the two businesses being acquired totalled £366,000 last year. The net assets are £784,000. Hogg is paying £4.2 million in cash and and £1.2 million in redeemable preference shares with a further £400,000 payable in cash depending on the profits of Anscombe this year.

Hogg intends to continue buying agencies and in time may combine them with the larger travel outlets. It does not forsee any dilution in earnings in the current financial year.

It announced its first move into the estate agency business in July and plans to sell mortgages, endowment policies, life cover and personal insurance policies as well as houses. It sees the business as a natural extension of its personal financial operations.

WALL STREET

Profit-taking hits Dow

New York (Reuter) – Wall Street stocks fell in early trading yesterday on moderate volume as profit-taking set in after a 16-point rise in the Dow Jones industrial average on Monday.

Traders noted a tendencey to sell as the average neared the 1,900-level. The Senate *elections also led to some* caution.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 8.01 to 1,886.25 at one stage. The transport average slipped 3.0 to 838.38 and the utilities indicator was down *just 0.63* to 210.04.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500-stock index lost 0.70 to 245.18 while the New York Stock Exchange composite index fell 0.36 to 141.01.

***The declining* shares led advancing issues by a margin of about seven-to-four.**

Goodyear Tire fell ⅜ to 47⅞.

	Nov 3	Oct 31
AMR	59	58%
ASA	36	35%
Allied Signal	41%	40%
Allied Strs	66%	65%
Allis Chlmrs	3%	3%
Alcoa	37%	36%
Amax Inc	13%	13
Am'rda Hs	25%	25%
Am Brands	47%	47%
Am Can	88%	87%
Am Cynm'd	60%	60
Am El Pwr	30	30
Am Express	59%	58%
Am Home	79%	79%
Am Motors	3%	3%
Am St'nrd	41%	40%
Am Teleph	24%	25
Amoco	66	65%
Armco Steel	6%	6%
Asarco	15%	15%
Ashland Oil	57%	57%
At Richfield	56%	57
Avon Prods	33%	33
Bkrs Tst NY	44%	44
Bankamer	15%	15%
Bk of Bston	42%	40%
Bank of NY	59	59
Beth Steel	7	6%
Boeing	52%	52%
Bse Cascde	60%	60%
Brden	49	48%
Bg Warner	38	38
Brist Myers	78%	78%
BP	39%	39%
Burl'ton Ind	37%	38
Burl'ton Nth	64	63
Burroughs	78%	78%
Cmpbell Sp	62%	62%
Can Pacific	11%	11%
Caterpiller	40%	39%
Celanese	242%	218%
Central SW	35%	35%
Champion	28%	29
Chase Man	36%	35%
Chm Bk NY	44%	43%
Chevron	43%	44%
Chrysler	39%	38%
Citicorp	51%	51%
Clark Equip	19%	19%
Coca Cola	37%	36%
Colgate	39	38%
CBS	132%	131%
C'mbia Gas	42%	42%
Cmb'tn Eng	31%	31%
Comwlth Ed	32%	32%
Cons Edis	47%	46%
Cn Nat Gas	32	32%
Cons Power	15%	15%
Cntrl Data	26	26%
Corning Gl	54%	54
CPC Intl	84%	83%
Crane	33	32%
Crn Zeller	n/a	50%
Dart & Kraft	57%	56%
Deere	24	23%
Delta Air	50%	49%
Detroit Ed	17%	17%
Digital Eq	101%	98%
Disney	43%	43%
Dow Chem	56%	56
Dresser Ind	18%	18%
Duke Power	48%	48%
Du Pont	86%	86
Eastern Air	9%	9%
Estm Kodak	64	61%
Eaton Corp	74%	73%
Emerson El	84%	82%
Exxon Corp	69%	68
Fed Dpt Sts	95%	95%

	Nov 3	Oct 31
Firestone	28%	28%
Fst Chicago	31%	30
Fst Int Bncp	53%	54%
Fst Penn C	9	9%
Ford	59%	57%
FT Wachva	38%	38%
GAF Corp	39%	39%
GTE Corp	60%	60%
Gen Corp	80%	80%
Gen Dy'mcs	73%	72%
Gen Electric	77%	76%
Gen Inst	18%	18%
Gen Mills	89%	88%
Gen Motors	72%	71%
Gn Pb Ut ny	23%	23%
Genesco	3%	3%
Georgia Pac	39%	40%
Gillete	48%	44%
Goodrich	44%	44%
Goodyear	46	48%
Gould Inc	20%	19%
Grace	55%	57
Gt Atl & Tac	22%	22%
Gr'hnd	33%	33
Grumman Cor	26%	26%
Gulf & West	66%	65%
Heinz H.J.	43%	43%
Hercules	57%	56%
H'lett-Pkrd	40%	39
Honeywell	71%	70%
IC Inds	26%	25%
Ingersoll	56%	56%
Inland Steel	20	19%
IBM	125%	123%
INCO	12%	12%
Int Paper	73%	73%
Int Tel Tel	54%	53%
Irving Bank	48%	47%
Jhnsn & Jhn	69%	69%
Kaiser Alum	17%	17%
Kerr McGee	28%	28%
Kmb'rly Clrk	81%	81%
K Mart	50	49
Kroger	33%	33%
L.T.V. Corp	2%	2
Litton	80%	82%
Lockheed	47%	46%
Lucky Strs	33%	33%
Man H'nvr	44%	44%
Manville Cp	2%	2%
Mapco	55%	53%
Marine Mid	48%	48%
Mrt Marietta	39%	39%
Masco	28%	27%
McDonalds	63%	63
McDonnell	79%	78%
Mead	59%	60
Merck	117	108%
Minsta Mng	109	109%
Mobil Oil	38%	38%
Monsanto	76%	76%
Morgan J.P.	84%	84%
Motorola	37%	37%
NCR Corp	46%	46%
NL Indstrs	5%	5%
Nat Distrs	45%	45
Nat Med Ent	25%	24%
Nat Smcndt	10%	9%
Norfolk Sth	82%	82%
NW Bancrp	36%	36%
Occidnt Pet	27%	29%
Ogden	47%	46%
Olin Corp	43%	42%
Owens-Ill	42%	42%
Pac Gas El	24%	24%
Pan Am	5%	5%
Penney J.C.	79%	78%
Penzoil	73%	71%
Pepsico	27%	27%

	Nov 3	Oct 31
Pfizer	60%	59%
Phelps Dge	21	20%
Philip Mrs	73	73%
Phillips Pet	10%	10%
Polaroid	70%	68%
PPG Ind	69%	69%
Prctr Gmbl	76%	75
Pb S E & G	42%	42%
Raytheon	64	64%
Rynlds Met	47%	45%
Rockwell Int	43	42%
Royal Dutch	88%	88%
Safeways	61%	61%
Sara Lee	72%	72%
SFE Sopac	34%	33%
Schl'berger	31%	31%
Scott Paper	65%	64%
Seagram	62%	62%
Sears Rbck	43%	43%
Shell Trans	52%	58%
Singer	42%	43%
Smthkln Bk	88%	85%
Sony	22%	22
Sth Cal Ed	35	35
Sperry Corp	n/a	n/a
Std Oil Ohio	48%	49%
Sterling Drg	47%	47%
Stevens JP	35%	35%
Sun Comp	56%	56%
Teledyne	335%	341%
Tenneco	39%	40%
Texaco	35%	35%
Texas E Cor	28%	29
Texas Inst	113%	110%
Texas Utils	34%	34%
Textron	60%	60
Travlrs Cor	43%	43%
TRW Inc	93%	92%
UAL Inc	58%	57%
Unilever NV	211%	209%
Un Carbide	22	22%
Un Pac Cor	60%	60%
Utd Brands	33%	33%
USG Corp	40%	40%
Utd Technol	42%	42%
USX Corp	25%	26
Unocal	23%	24%
Jim Walter	46%	45%
Wrner Lmbt	56%	57
Wells Fargo	112%	110
W'ghse El	57%	57
Weyerh'ser	39%	39%
Whirlpool	72%	70%
Woolworth	44%	44%
Xerox Corp	57%	64%
Zenith	21%	21%

CANADIAN PRICES

Abitibi	n/a	n/a
Alcn Alum	43%	43
Algoma Stl	13%	13%
Can Pacific	15%	15%
Cominco	13%	13%
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Hkr/Sid Can	27%	27%
Hdsn B Min	24%	24%
Imasco	34%	34%
Imperial Oil	47	46%
In Pipe	38%	39%
Ryl Trustco	30	30%
Seagram	87%	87
Steel Co	20%	21%
Thmsn N 'A'	28%	28%
Varity Corp	2.70	2.70
Wlkr Hiram	n/a	n/a
WCT	12%	12%

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COMPANY NEWS

● **A&P APPLEDORE:** An Appledore subsidiary, Dover Ship Repairers, has agreed with Sealink UK to take over the ship repair and engineering workshops operated by *Sealink* at Dover and Folkestone together with the employees operating the facilities.

● **WB INDUSTRIES:** Six months to June 30. No dividend. Turnover £2,277,563 (£2,135,257), operating loss £75,160 (£29,497 loss), pretax profit £23,509 (£26,053 loss), loss per ordinary share 0.24p (1.10p).

● **BANRO:** The company says that 93.4 per cent of the 2,501,503 new ordinary shares offered by way of rights has been taken up. The balance of the new ordinary shares has been sold.

●**ROTHMANS INC:** Six months to September 30 (figures in $ million, comparisons restated). Consolidated net sales 439.0 or £311 million (434.1), earnings from continuing operations – Rothmans of Pall Mall 4.8 (7.7), Carling O'Keefe less minority interest 4.8 (1.0). Earnings per share $1.59 ($1.42).

● **TR ENERGY:** No dividend for the year to November 3 (figures in £000). Income from fixed asset investments 1,047 (1,759). Investment dealing losses 262 (75 profit), pretax deficit 563 (256 revenue), loss per share 1.8p (1p earnings).

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● ***MARTIN MARIETTA:*** Hoskyns Group, an MM subsidiary, is planning a full listing on the London Stock Exchange by a placing of a minority of its ordinary shares. Hoskyns sales totalled more than £55 million in the year to October 31 last year.

● **REGENTCREST:** Year to April 30 (figures in £000). Turnover 401 (2,355), profit before tax 71 (102), profit 24 (330), eps (nil basis) 0.20p (0.61p), eps (net basis) 0.15p (0.61p).

● **VSEL CONSORTIUM:** The company has announced the sale and leaseback of its new £50 million shiplift and quays at Barrow-in-Furness. The shiplift is part of the new Vsel warship construction complex. The sale proceeds will finance the remaining expenditure of about £45 million on the Devonshire Dock Hall.

● **FALCON INDUSTRIES:** The company's contract with Abbey Homesteads (Developments) has become unconditional. Under its terms, Falcon will sell to Abbey surplus freehold property for a gross consideration of £755,000.

● **GODWIN WARREN CONTROL SYSTEMS:** Interim dividend 1.1p (same). Figures in £000 for six months to June 30. Turnover 3,657 (3,250), loss before tax 452 (225 profit), no tax (83), loss per share 9.3p (3.9p earnings). The board remains confident that 1987 will prove to be a record year.

● **OSPREY COMMUNICATIONS:** Interim dividend 0.5p. Figures for six months to September 30. Turnover £2,037,224 (£1,738,266), pretax profit £28,126 (£27,987), tax £16,390 (£16,544), earnings per share 0.34p (0.33).

● **MARLER ESTATES:** Agreement has been reached in principle for the acquisition by Breverleigh from Marler of International Business Centres for £1.375 million, to be satisfied by the allotment of new Breverleigh ordinary shares credited as fully paid up at par.

● **DJ SECURITY ALARMS:** Conditional contracts have been exchanged for the acquisition of WR Loftus. Thirty-six new ordinary shares in DJ will be *issued for every five Loftus* shares as consideration. The terms involve the issue of 269,989 new DJ ordinary shares (6.23 per cent of the enlarged issued ordinary shares). Allottees of 135,079 of these shares have agreed not to sell or transfer them for one year without the consent of DJ. Taking DJ shares at 103p, the terms value each Loftus share at 741p. Aggregate value of the consideration is about £278,000.

● **TAYLOR WOODROW:** TW Property has signed an agreement with Portsmouth City Council to develop a new shopping centre "The Cascades" in the city centre. The development will be carried out through TW Property's subsidiary Taylor Woodrow Chippindale Properties. TW's funding partners are British Rail pension funds. Although detailed financial arrangements have not been revealed, TW says it expects an initial income of more than £1 million for itself and TWCP on completion in 1989.

● **WA HOLDINGS:** No interim dividend, but the board will review the position in the light of the full year's results. Figures in £000 for six months to July 31. Turnover 7,740 (6,675), pretax profits 293 (142), earnings per share 1.03p (0.47). The board says that further acquisitions in line with the group's expansion policy are *planned and prospects remain* encouraging.

● **SHEFFIELD BRICK GROUP:** Results for 17 months to May 31 (year 1984). No dividend (nil). Figures in £000. Turnover 3,380 (2,735), loss before tax 153 (profit 8), loss per share 3.21p (earnings 0.17p).

● **BSG INTERNATIONAL:** BSG has purchased from Elders IXL and Wood Hall Australian Proprietary whole of the issued share capital of Rainsfords Metal Products Proprietary. The consideration is being satisfied by allotment to vendors of *18,920,500 new BSG shares.* Samuel Montagu has agreed to arrange the placing of new BSG shares as vendors wish to receive consideration in cash amountinting to a total of about £9.1 milion.

● **MARLBOROUGH TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT:** The company has acquired Liverpool-based Pure Organics which will be run by a new subsidiary, MTM Mmanufacturing.

● **GABLE HOUSE PROPERTIES:** Offer made on behalf of Ladbroke by Charterhouse Bank to acquire Gable House will close on November 17.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	11.00%
Adam & Company	11.00%
BCCI	11.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	11.00%
Co-operative Bank	11.00%
C. Hoare & Co	11.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	11.00%
LLoyds Bank	11.00%
Nat Westminster	11.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	11.00%
TSB	11.00%
Citibank NA	11.00%

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Barratt beset by bid talk as Kuwaitis sell 11% stake

By Carol Leonard

A question mark was hanging over the independence of **Barratt Developments**, the house building group, last night, after the Kuwait Investment Office sold its 11 per cent stake.

The stake, worth about £30 million, is thought to have been picked up by an American market-maker and is said to be still sitting on their books.

Some market men claimed that the stake had been passed on in two halves to non-institutional buyers and there was even talk that Blue Circle, the cement group, may have picked up a piece equivalent to about 3 per cent.

Blue Circle later denied this. Mr Robert James, group finance director of Barratt, confirmed the stake had been sold but said he had no idea who had bought it. Barratt shares edged up steadily on the talk and closed 4p higher at 152p.

City experts estimate that if the activity were to result in a bid it would have to be at around the 220p level — valuing Barratt at as much as £375 million.

Elsewhere the stock market had another firm day, despite worse-than-expected reserve figures for October. The FT 30 share index closed up 0.2, off its highest level of the day, at 1294.3. The broader based FT-SE 100 index closed a touch easier, down 1.5 at 1637.7.

Gilts opened easier but rallied before the close to finish with scattered rises of £⅛ across the board.

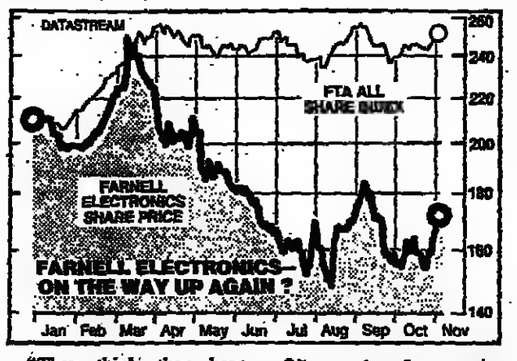
Hanson Trust was the highest volume equity, notching up a total of 13 million shares, mostly on American buying now that the ADR facility is in operation. Its shares firmed 2p to 204p. **ICI** eased 5p to 1089p, **Allied Lyons** 3p to 310p, **BTR** 3p to 288p and **British Telecom** 2p to 190p.

Cadbury Schweppes firmed 3p to 193p.

Farnell Electronics, the Leeds manufacturer and distributor of electronic and electrical equipment, began a series of City presentations, with Mr Henry Elstone, the finance director, talking to 10 institutional fund managers at Chase Securities in the morning and lunching with Gilbert Elliott, another firm of stockbrokers.

● Glaxo, the big pharmaceuticals company, dipped 6p to 944p and could be in for a further battering today after a presentation to New York analysts by the American drug group Merck on its new anti-ulcer drug, Pepcid. *Pepcid, a rival to Glaxo's Zantac, will be launched on the US market soon.* Some British analysts say the threat of Pepcid has already been fully discounted.

The company has seen its share price tumble from a high of 250p earlier this year — yesterday it firmed 6p to 177p — amid worries about the state of the semi-conductor market, and now it is trying to rebuild its City image.



"They think they have given too gloomy an impression to the City," said Mr Richard Dyett, an analyst at Chase. "They had grown at the rate of 30 per cent per annum for more than 20 years, until last year when the semi-conductor market collapsed. The message they are now giving out is that we should now see an annual growth rate of 12.5 per cent, which is less than it was but still very respectable."

Chase is forecasting profits of £23.5 million for this year, against £22.1 million last time, and thinks it might beat that forecast.

"If it does, it will be the first electronic parts distributor to beat a City forecast for 18 months," Mr Dyett said.

BAT Industries, the tobacco group, went up 12p to 480p, on American buying after the announcement of third-quarter results from its Brazilian subsidiary, Souza Cruz. A total of 6.5 million BAT shares went through the market.

Oils eased a few pennies across the board, despite continued talk that the Saudis want to push the price up to $18 a barrel. Some oil experts think an increase to such a level might be possible in perhaps six months time, provided the Saudis can retrain the other Opec members. Brent crude for December delivery eased 60 cents a barrel to $14.05.

Shell lost 9p to 922p, **BP** and **Britoil** fell 3p to 685p and 145p respectively, **Enterprise** lost 2p to 150p and **IC Gas** 1p to 582p.

Large lines of stock in composite insurers changed hands as investors took profits ahead of their results on Wednesday and Thursday next week. **Trade Indemnity** dipped 5p to 230p, **Royal Insurance** 4p to 820p and **General Accident** a penny to 853p.

Commercial Union was down 5p to 283p after the news broke in London yesterday that a Californian court had awarded $26 million (£18.4 million) damages against the company to a child who fell out of a jeep and is now brain damaged and paralysed from the waist down. The mother of the child sued the manufacturer of the door who was insured with CU. CU plans to appeal and London analysts estimate that the settlement may eventually cost it about £10 million.

The expected white knight consortium bid for the insurance broker CE Heath failed to materialize, although some say it may still happen. Heath, down 2p at 344p, is on the receiving end of an unwelcome £182 million bid from **PWS Holdings**.

Any consortium rescue package would almost certainly involve Hambros Bank, which, before the PWS bid had planned to merge its Fieldings insurance subsidiary with Heath. PWS also slipped a couple of pence to 307p.

● Panmure Gordon, the broker, has published a buy circular on Parkfield Group, the engineering and electrical distribution firm famed as the best USM performer last year. *It forecasts profits of £8.75 million for the current year, against £2.35 million last time, putting it on a prospective p/e of 10.4.* Its shares, up from 83p this year, firmed another 12p to 192p.

Banks were dull with the partly-paid **TSB** shares slipping 1¼p to 80¼p. **Barclays** slid 6p to 481p, **National Westminster** 4p to 523p, **Royal Bank of Scotland** 3p to 315p while **Midland** and **Lloyds** firmed a penny to 553p and 423p respectively.

Sears was once again the most actively traded stores stock and the second highest volume stock in the market, with another 6 million shares sold and 6 million bought, notching up a total volume of 12 million shares. Its shares slipped 2¼p to 137¾p.

Most other retailers went better. **Gus** ordinary shares gained 13p to 1463p, **Harris Queensway** 11p to 215p, **Body Shop** 5p to 670p, **Ward White** 5p to 315p, **Storehouse** 4p to 339p and **Woolworth** 3p to 643p.

***Beecham**, the Lucozade to pharmaceuticals combine,* eased a penny to 439p, despite a profits forecast up-grading by W Greenwell, the broker. Mr Ian White, an analyst at Greenwell, has increased his forecast for the full year by £25 million to £365 million to allow for currency adjustments.

ALPHA STOCKS

These prices are as at 6.45pm

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E	Volume traded '000
368	248	Allied-Lyons	307	312	-5	13.6	4.4	14.1	665
174	126	ASDA-MFI	164	168	-4	4.5	2.7	18.1	1,100
332	237	BTR	286	290	● -3	9.8	3.4	20.1	1,200
488	308	BAT	485	490	● +20	18.4	3.8	12.7	10,000
590	429	Barclays	478	485	-5	28.1	5.8	7.0	325
840	620	Bass	740	750	..	21.7	2.9	15.9	147
443	318	Beecham	436	440	-2	17.1	3.9	18.2	1,800
728	526	Blue Circle	607	612	-1	30.0	4.9	8.6	420
386	277½	BOC	336	341	..	14.1	4.1	12.9	620
289	170	Boots	236	238	+2	10.1	4.3	15.4	8,400
506	421	Br Aerospace	478	478	+1	23.4	4.9	10.0	2,300
706	516	Br Petroleum	683	686	● -2	48.8	7.1	7.5	1,700
290	177½	Br Telecom	189	191	-2	10.7	5.6	11.1	9,400
210	88	Britoil	144	147	-2	9.3	6.4	3.9	4,500
350	236	Burton	288	290	-6	6.8	2.4	19.9	3,000
350	277	Cable & Wireless	315	322	-8	6.8	2.1	17.4	4,000
198	142	Cadbury Schweppes	191	194	+3	8.7	4.5	22.6	5,500
336	228	Com Union	279	282	● -7	17.4	6.2	..	2,400
704	409	Cons Goldfields	640	647	● +8	58.0	6.4	18.4	723
320	190	Courtaulds	316	319	+9	9.3	2.9	10.7	2,500
438	218	Dixons Grp	359	362	..	4.3	1.2	25.8	1,500
650	409	Fisons	577	582	-1	8.4	1.4	25.8	84
964	701	Gen Accident	840	847	-10	34.3	4.1	21.2	349
226	158	GEC	168	172	..	6.1	3.6	10.8	5,700
11¼	755½	Glaxo	940	950	-6	20.8	2.1	17.5	1,600
456	328	Grand Met	436	443	..	13.5	3.1	14.8	1,800
11½	721	GUS 'A'	10¼	40⅝	● ..	30.0	2.9	13.7	182
964	780	GRE	810	817	-15	49.5	5.8	23.5	344
395	235	GKN	346	349	● -7	17.9	7.2	9.3	782
356	275	Guinness	330	335	-6	10.3	3.1	12.6	855
304	141	Hanson	203	205	+2	8.7	2.9	18.1	13,000
623	403	Hawker Siddley	432	436	-2	21.4	4.9	9.6	484

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E	
11¼	734	Imp Chem Ind	10¾	10⅞p	..	48.8	4.5	12.2	527
582	335	Jaguar	510	515	● -2	12.7	2.5	10.6	1,100
391	312	Ladbroke	362	367	-1	16.8	4.8	17.4	176
348	278	Land Securities	329	332	-1	14.0	4.2	22.1	549
250	185	Legal & Gen	227	232	● -3	12.3	5.3	29.5	1,700
484	298	Lloyds	418	425	-2	25.0	5.9	8.8	272
280	185	Lonhro	235	240	-1½	17.1	7.2	11.8	405
231	163	Marks & Spencer	195	196	-1	5.8	2.9	23.5	3,200
590	417	Midland	545	555	-5	37.1	6.7	20.5	563
593	439	Nat West	518	525	-11	27.6	5.3	8.4	999
576	425	P & O Dfrd	515	520	● +7	25.0	4.8	14.8	488
246	162	Plessey	178	180	+1	7.2	4.0	13.1	8,300
942	715	Prudential	775	785	● -1	35.8	4.9	51.6	624
234	146	Racal Elect	172	175	-2	4.3	2.5	18.4	3,700
900	605	Reckit Colman	777	784	+11	23.9	3.1	18.9	741
547	345	Reuters	543	548	+7	5.4	1.0	41.3	670
731	511	RTZ	555	562	● +4	31.4	4.8	9.1	82
987	762	Royal Ins	810	817	-15	38.8	4.7	38.7	1,300
426	344	Sainsbury (J)	398	402	+3	7.9	2.0	23.2	1,000
148½	102	Sears	137½	138½	● -1¼	5.0	3.6	17.8	12,000
415	321	Sedgwick Gp	367	372	..	17.1	4.6	17.8	358
970	853	Shell	922	927	● -11	51.4	5.6	9.1	534
208	95	STC	180	184	+6	2.1	1.2	15.0	9,800
772	550	Sun Alliance	663	670	-13	27.5	4.0	61.8	58
98	80	TSB P/P	80½	81	-1¼	..	..	..	—
430	288	Tesco	398	403	-1	8.8	2.2	22.9	381
529	374	Thorn EMI	458	468	-3	25.0	5.4	38.8	516
349	248	Trafalgar House	287	290	+1	18.9	6.5	7.9	827
209	138	Trusthouse Forte	171	174	+7½	7.9	4.6	17.1	8,700
19¼	13⅛	Unilever	19	19¼	..	58.2	2.9	17.6	228
259	216	Utd Biscuits	232	236	+6	15.6b	6.6	12.7	1,600

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Japanese throw US rivals off balance

The biggest threat to the liberalization of capital markets and the boom in financial services is protectionism. It is this thought, I suggest, that makes the Japanese more determined than ever to be inside the American fence before there is any chance of its being turned into a 10ft wall.

Already the Japanese banks and securities houses have a formidable presence in the United States, as they do in this country. Their power was demonstrated for all to see at the May auctions of US Treasury debt, when they tactically outsmarted the New York giants and proceeded to take them to the cleaners. Life for the clever, complacent American houses would never be the same again. Either they had to join them (Goldman Sachs and Sumitomo) or learn to play the game according to Japanese rules. But these things all take time.

Yesterday, as the November auctions got under way, the New York bond market was in a lather of uncertainty. Would the Japanese houses bid high or low, and how strong? Worse, might they bid for only the three-year and 10-year maturities, thus perhaps leaving the natives with the tricky, more volatile 30-year long bonds? And if that happened, would the Japanese really screw them to the wall by manipulating the dollar-yen rate in the foreign exchange market?

There is an understanding on the "right" exchange rate in present conditions between the Japanese and the Americans but what if the rate is really tested — and fails to stand up? A dollar fall to below 150 yen might easily provoke a sell-off in the US bond market because of fears of what a collapsing dollar would mean for the American inflation rate.

None of this may happen. The debt auctions might go swimmingly, with everyone making money. But the undercurrent of uncertainty about the intentions of the inscrutable Orientals would remain. And the rumours that the Japanese securities houses, with the mighty Nomura in the lead, are out to damage their New York counterparts in preparation for taking over will also continue to swirl and eddy. "It is the story of Japan and the world motorcycle industry all over again" was the rueful comment of one observer.

The doubts remain

Meanwhile back in what some prefer to think of as the real world, Americans were voting in their customary disappointing numbers. Elections always confuse underlying economic realities. And the mid-term elections have been no exception. But today it is back to business.

The US economy has given the impression of having waved goodbye to the uncertainties of a few months ago. The trade deficit, according to last week's figures, has started to turn the corner. Growth, boosted by a car sales boom, appears to be there. And the dollar, judging by the Baker-Miyazawa currency/interest rate deal, does not need to fall any further.

The true picture is not quite as rosy. Growth in the American economy has had a temporary boost which may last until the end of the year. But there is no evidence of a return to the robust expansion of a couple of years ago.

The trade figures, similarly, contained both good and bad news. There was an unexpected narrowing of the trade deficit to $12.6 billion in September, although both exports and imports were weak and the J-curve may not have shortened in duration as much as appeared.

In several respects, growth in the US economy has been brought forward. The tax reform bill will remove individuals' ability to offset local sales tax against income tax, and so some of the spending on cars and "big-ticket" consumer purchases is, understandably, being rushed in before the end of the year.

The key question is whether the Federal Reserve, faced with a picture of impending economic weakness, will move early or later to cut the discount rate.

David Morrison of Goldman Sachs suggests that the Fed will not feel obliged to act on rates until economic weakness in the US has become fairly obvious again, and that is unlikely to be until the first quarter of next year.

But Geoffrey Dennis at James Capel thinks that the Fed will anticipate next year's weakness and act before the year-end.

It is a fine judgment, and one that would be a lot easier if the implications of the agreement between Japan and the United States, unveiled last week, were a little clearer. James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, has played off his two constituencies — the domestic political and the international financial — against one another quite well.

The yen-dollar deal has been seen outside the US as a currency stabilizing arrangement, but in home-town America is regarded as an admission by foreigners that they have been too cautious on stimulating growth in the world economy. On either version, lower interest rates should be on the way in the United States, assuming that US industry does not want to live with a 170-180 rate against the yen again.

The earliest indication on timing will come with the employment figures on Friday. A fall in manufacturing employment last month, following September's 38,000 drop, could be convincing evidence that post-election weakness has come sooner rather than later.

Royal Ordnance prepares for the assault of market forces

By Teresa Poole

The crown princes of the Government's privatization programme, the heads of the companies that have passed into private ownership, usually have much to be thankful for. Freed from the supposed restraints of operating within the public sector, they have found themselves at the helm of public companies, the focus of considerable career-boosting attention, and they have often received large pay rises.

But for one such prince the reality has far from matched expectation. When Roger Pinnington gave up a directorship at Norcros to become chief executive in April at Royal Ordnance, the state-owned arms manufacturer, he thought he had been hired to run a company being fine-tuned for a stock market flotation within months.

By July the share sale had been cancelled. By October, against RO's wishes, the Leeds tank factory had been sold to Vickers. And today, negotiations are under way for the private sale of the rest of the business to some other company, with British Aerospace, GKN, ICI, and Trafalgar House among the interested.

As one analyst put it: "In footballing terms, Roger Pinnington should be as sick as a parrot."

Yet Mr Pinnington has gone to the effort of devising an extensive management reorganization, announced last week, designed to put the stamp on RO's transformation from an insulated "preferred-source" contractor, with 80 per cent of sales taken by the Ministry of Defence, to a business capable of surviving a declining defence budget and the competitive international arms market.

With the proposed privatization less than three months away, Mr Pinnington plans to streamline the four divisions into two: naval, air and engineering; and land weapons. More radically, six systems directors are being introduced to have cradle-to-grave responsibility for individual contracts and to refocus management expertise on products and customers.

Roger Pinnington: "good chance of privatization next year".

"To not progress the company is to make assumptions. At no time is there any certainty in life," said Mr Pinnington, who nevertheless believed there was a "very good chance" privatization would take place next year.

"Who owns the shares is relevant but also irrelevant because our job is to continue to run the business."

The emphasis will in future be on stricter financial controls, improved marketing and customer relations, and a clearer reporting structure.

"RO has been perceived as being less than effective in its customer relations," Mr Pinnington said. "For hundreds of years we have had to be competitive in fields of quality, specification, and investment of a specific nature. But this has not included price competitiveness with outside sources."

Since RO became a limited company in 1985, much has been done to combat a civil-service approach. Indeed, to the outsider, most of the supposed benefits of privatization have already been introduced. The new market awareness, improved efficiency, and 4,000 painful job cuts have been achieved while still state-owned, raising questions about what further benefits will come from the actual sale.

To introduce the management changes, the top 100 managers were brought down to London from the 15 factories for an open forum with Mr Pinnington on the restructuring. "It was a form of open management that RO had not experienced in the past," he said.

Worries, shared by the unions, about further job cuts and factory closures were aired, if necessary, through anonymous written questions. "I have no blueprints whatsoever for any rationalization of any kind," Mr Pinnington told his audience.

But concerns persist that a new owner could hive off parts of the business. "If there are any job losses in the future, it would be because there was not the availability of business, and it would not be related in any form to privatization," Mr Pinnington argued.

In a study for the unions, David Greenwood, at Aberdeen University, concluded "dedicated managers and a loyal workforce" had put RO on a businesslike and internationally competitive footing, and there was no necessary link between efficiency and privatization.

Had government ownership, now an arm's-length relationship, restrained the company? "I have not been restricted in any shape or form. I have not found it at all oppressive," Mr Pinnington said.

There is also the question of whether Royal Ordnance is a suitable vehicle for privatization. The need to maintain extra capacity in case of war has meant a series of contracts that go some way to creating a protected market, including a guarantee of minimum purchases for the small arms division and an agreement by the MoD to order all its explosives from the Bridgwater factory, in Somerset, to ensure the viability of the only British source of high-standard explosives.

Mr Pinnington said those contracts were no different from many he had experienced in private industry.

So, given the company's progression, what benefits will privatization bring? "Once we get into the private sector by being in partnership with other people, there will be benefits brought by different parties." A higher level of investment, perhaps, and help in building up exports, but it is difficult to see how a sale to a larger company can definitely avoid any fragmentation.

"I believe the price that will be paid is such that it will be sensible for the purchaser to keep the company as a whole." But while there would be safeguards to keep the RO in British ownership, it was far harder to sound out prospective bidders about their long-term intentions.

Last year, when Norcros made an agreed takeover of UBM, where Mr Pinnington had been chief executive, there was no immediate opening for him at the new company. But after four weeks, impressed by how he had prepared UBM for the takeover, Norcros offered him a main-board directorship in charge of manufacturing.

With the new restructuring, Royal Ordnance will also have been prepared for its sale. Whether that sale, which will probably raise a meagre £100 million, still makes sense is one question Mr Pinnington would not be drawn on.

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FUTURES AND OPTIONS

Futures surge in Sydney defies laws of gravity

By Richard Lander

Things tend to happen the wrong way round in Australia, apart from the bath water, whose anticlockwise passage down the plughole fascinates visitors from the northern hemisphere.

Some of the phenomena cannot be explained by the laws of nature. For instance, when a conservative government was in power here, the economy and financial sector were protected by controls and regulations more usually associated with socialist countries. The Labour Party, which might have been expected to build on these when it swept to power in 1983, proceeded to abolish virtually all of them.

The development and growth of the Sydney Futures Exchange (SFE) presents a similar tale of contrary timing. After more than 20 years of slow and unspectacular progress trading mostly agricultural . commodities while the Australian economy prospered, the SFE has burst forth as a leading player in the *world's non-American* financial futures markets at a time of almost unparralled crisis in the domestic economy.

In 1984 the Exchange traded 518,000 contracts, a figure that swelled to 1.22 million last year. In the first *nine months of 1986, it* has notched up 2.5 million contracts. Now the SFE processes a million trades every three months.

Of course, deregulation and the SFE's success are connected. The floating of the *Australian dollar and the* abolition of exchange controls have exposed the Australian financial markets to the capriciousness of international monetary flows. Over the past 18 months, prime interest rates have risen from 11 per cent to as high as 21 per cent while the Australian dollar has sunk, rather than floated, *losing 40 per cent in* trade weighted terms. Volatility in underlying markets, the prime ingredient of any futures market, has not been in short supply.

All this has been done in business in purely domestic products, with Australian treasury bonds and 90-day bank-notes futures spearheading the phenomenal expansion, strongly backed by an active share index contract.

Last week, the SFE opened its stall to the outside world with the inauguration of its foreign contract, in US treasury bonds. Two more, in Eurodollar deposits and gold, are to open within the next three weeks.

Sydney is making its thrust into overseas contracts through co-operation with New York Comex and the London International Financial Futures Exchange (Liffe).

Its two interest rate contracts are identical and fungible with existing Liffe contracts, while the gold contract will be similarly matched with Comex.

Hopes are pinned on the T-bond contract where Sydney hopes to take advantage of its time-zone location. Business starts one hour after trading in Chicago closes and ends min*utes before Liffe's traders* don their multi-coloured jackets and clear their throats for a day's screaming in the pits. SFE members are being asked to consider extending their working day by two hours to create a full 24-hour market. But traders would need to be persuaded that there is sufficient profit potential before agreeing to such a move.

Mr Les Hoskins, the Exchange's chief executive, reckons no more than 20 per cent of bond business will come from domestic users. Of the remainder, he is looking for overflow business from Chicago and London and hedge and speculative buying from players in the huge physical market in bonds in Tokyo.

Although Japanese securities houses face obstacles when it comes to trading in foreign futures markets, Mr Hoskins reckons there should be good demand from the American investment banks *which are active in Tokyo.* A number of these, which have established a presence in Sydney since the Labour government deregulated the banking system, are discussing joining the Exchange.

If the SFE does prosper with *its new ventures, it will* be the first market in the Asian time zone to tackle international financial futures successfully. This year Hong Kong has restarted with index futures after a lacklustre gold contract in the early 1980s. The Singapore International Monetary Exchange (Simex) has never achieved great volumes in spite of being linked to the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) since its birth in 1984.

Mr Hoskins and other SFE officials are confident Sydney can lick Singapore. Among the advantages they cite for Australia are language, a westernized legal and political system and a futures trading community that has been in place since 1960.

Hopkinsons sets another record

Hopkinsons Holdings, the Huddersfield valve manufacturer, has chalked up another set of record profits.

At the half-way stage pretax profits were up 31 per cent to £4.08 million on turnover 17.6 per cent ahead at almost £38 million.

The interim dividend is 2.75p a share compared with 2p last time.

In the first half, all the trading subsidiaries traded at a profit, with Bryan Donkin, supplier of valves to the gas industry, continuing to make strong progress.

COMPANY NEWS

● **AMBROSE INVESTMENT TRUST:** The net asset value as at October 31 per capital share was 489.43p (previous month 466.58p).

● **ABERFOYLE HOLDINGS:** No interim dividend. Results for the six months to June 30. Figures in £000s: turnover 3,578 (4,084). Profit before interest and tax 896 (305). Net interest payable 138(167). Share of loss in associated company 758 (138). Pretax profit 754 (91). Tax overseas 42 (33). Profit after tax 712 (58). Minorities 252 (65). Extraordinary debt nil (37). Earnings per share 1.32p (nil).

● **JF PACIFIC WARRANT COMPANY:** Net asset value as at October 31 per ordinary share £33.73.

● **AKZO:** Third quarter results, figures in guilders 000s. Net sales 3,745.1 or £1,140 million (4,347.3). Operating income 363.1 (346.2). Financing charges 25.4 (39.5). Earnings of consolidated companies from normal operations after taxes 208.5 (183.3). Earnings from non-consolidated companies 1.2 (26.7). Extraordinary credits 1.7 (2.2). Minority interest 16.1 (20.4). Net income 195.3 (191.8). Earnings per share 4.88 guilders (4.83 guilders).

● **CANNON STREET INVESTMENTS:** The company has acquired Bekkers Beheer, of Holland, through its Dutch holding company, Cannon Street European Holdings. The initial cash consideration is Dfl6,750,000 (£2,093,000), and there will be additional payments dependent on Bekkers' future profits.

● **BROWN SHIPLEY HOLDINGS:** The acquisition of St Paul's Finance and Investment Co has been completed. The consideration is the issue of 301,321 Brown Shipley shares.

● **FITCH LOVELL:** The company has acquired the whole of the issued share capital of Peter J Osborn (Osborns) and the outstanding 55 per cent of *PJ* Osborn (Packing) not already owned by the Fitch Lovell group or by Osborns, together with the leasehold premises occupied by Osborns and Osborn (Packing) in Hampshire and certain plant and equipment used by Osborn (Packing).

● **ASTBURY & MADELEY HOLDINGS:** Agreement has been reached for the purchase of British Fittings Co (Manchester) for 370,000. The consideration will be with £259,000 cash and the issue of 83,459 shares.

● **HANIMEX CORPORATION:** The chairman has written to shareholders, saying that the Chase Corporation has made an offer for all the Hanimex ordinary shares at $1.15 a share. He says that, while Hanimex welcomes Chase as a significant shareholder, the directors, after taking advice, have concluded that $1.15 is not a fair and reasonable price for *control of the* company.

MONEY MARKET AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 10¾ Low 9
Week fixed: 10 5/16

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 mnth	10⅝	2 mnth	10⅝
3 mnth	10 7/16	3 mnth	10 7/16

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 mnth	10 13/16-10¾	2 mnth	10¾-10 23/32
3 mnth	10 11/16-10⅝	6 mnth	10 19/32-10 17/32

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 mnth	11 7/32	2 mnth	11⅛
3 mnth	11 1/16	6 mnth	11 5/32

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 10% close 11

1 week	10¾-10⅝	6 mnth	11-10 15/16
1 mnth	11-10 15/16	9 mnth	11-10 15/16
3 mnth	11 1/16-10 15/16	12 mth	11-10 15/16

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days	10⅝	7 days	10⅝
1 mnth	10⅞	3 mnth	10⅞
6 mnth	10⅞	12 mth	10⅞

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 mnth	11⅛-11	2 mnth	11⅛-11
3 mnth	11⅛-11	6 mnth	11⅛-11
9 mnth	11⅛-11	12 mth	11⅛-11

Sterling CDs (%)

1 mnth	10 15/16-10 13/16	3 mnth	11-10⅞
6 mnth	11-10⅞	12 mth	10⅞-10¾

Dollar CDs (%)

1 mnth	5.85-5.80	3 mnth	5.85-5.80
6 mnth	5.80-5.75	12 mth	5.95-5.90

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	6⅛-5⅞
7 days	5⅞-5 11/16	1 mnth	6-5⅞
3 mnth	6-5⅞	6 mnth	6-5⅞
Deutschmark		call	5-4
7 days	4 11/16-4 9/16	1 mnth	4 9/16-4 7/16
3 mnth	4⅝-4½	6 mnth	4⅝-4½
French Franc		call	7⅛-6⅞
7 days	7⅝-7⅜	1 mnth	7½-7⅜
3 mnth	7 13/16-7 11/16	6 mnth	8-7⅞
Swiss Franc		call	2½-1¼
7 days	1⅝-⅝	1 mnth	3⅛-3
3 mnth	3 13/16-3 11/16	6 mnth	3 13/16-3 11/16
Yen		call	5⅛-4⅛
7 days	4⅝-4⅜	1 mnth	4⅝-4⅛
3 mnth	4 11/16-4 9/16	6 mnth	4 11/16-4 9/16

GOLD

Gold $408.25-408.75
Krugerrand* (per coin): $406.00-409.00 (£287.00-288.50)
Sovereigns* (new): $96.00-97.00 (£67.75-68.75)
Platinum $576.00 (£407.85)
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Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period October 8, 1986 to October 31, 1986 inclusive: 11.287 per cent.

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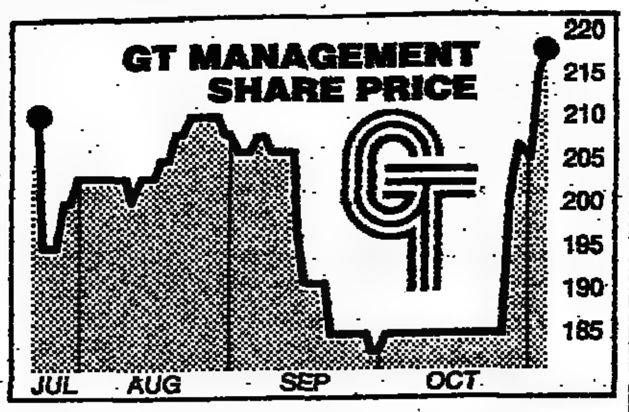
Newcomer GT dazzles with interim results



GT Management can be well satisfied with its first set of results since coming to market. Pretax profits nearly trebled from £2.2 million to £6 million for the six months to September 30 on turnover *up 65 per cent to £18.8* million.

Funds under management grew by 15 per cent from £3.36 billion to £3.87 billion, largely due to the rise in the market rather than the net addition of funds. Indeed, such has been the success of its management of Erisa (Employees' Retirement Income Security Act) money that GT has effectively lost some pension money. The value of the Erisa funds, the internationally invested portion of certain US corporate pension portfolios, grew to betoo big a proportion of the total pension fund, causing the trustees to withdraw some of the monies back to the US.

In the results statement, released yesterday, GT revealed the high cost of saving the Berry Trust from being *swallowed by the Ensign* Trust, one of the funds in the Merchant Navy Pension Fund stable. GT provided £882,000 in the first half of this year for the diminution in value of its 2 million Berry Trust shares which it used to ward off Ensign's attack.

The charge was made below the line and was more than matched by profits on disposals of group investments in Japan to give an extraordinary gain of £246,000. However, we may not have heard the last of Ensign as it can come back in a year's time with a new bid.

GT has been investing heavily in its development. In addition to a £2.5 million computerization programme, it is planning a bigexpansion in the US mutual funds business and is hoping to gain recognized investment manager status in Japan in a year's time. Both these moves will involve higher staffing.

A senior Japanese appointment has already been made, while the individual who will run the US mutual fund operation in San Francisco is in the process of being identified. GT will therefore be raising its cost base ahead of the ability to raise its income.

The second half has started well. But Japan has gone off the boil and the second six months, traditionally the stronger half, may this year only match the first.

Nigel Russell, investment trust analyst at James Capel, the stockbroker, estimates GT should make £11 million in the full year to March. This puts the shares on a prospective multiple of 14, similar to that of rivals such as Henderson Administration.

The shares have enjoyed a strong run over the last few weeks and look fairly priced.

Albert Fisher

For a company to issue shares which increase its market capitalization by almost 40 per cent and still see a small rise in its share price is a pretty good achievement.

In the case of Albert Fisher Group, which yesterday announced a £44.3 million string of acquisitions, it signifies the heavy institutional demand for its paper.

Yesterday's three British acquisitions expand the company's product range and give it a firmer toehold in the catering industry as well as widening its British client base. The opportunities for links with its existing British food division look good.

The US purchase will develop the company's Florida base, established through the recent acquisition of Tavilla and the existing Carnival Fruit Company subsidiary.

Apart from the geographical synergy involved in the deal, it takes Albert Fisher more into the value-added side of the fresh fruit and vegetable business where margins are higher. The company is looking to develop this side of the business.

Yesterday's acquisitions leave the company with £45 million net tangible worth free of borrowings. Albert Fisher would be comfortable with £30 million borrowings so there could well be more action to come.

Avis Europe

Dealings in Avis Europe start on the stock market tomorrow. But signs are ominous after one third of the shares were left in the hands of underwriters.

However, the sponsors' disappointment is the investing public's opportunity. Shares in the grey market slipped further yesterday. Cleveland Securities quoted them at 210p to 220p against an offer price of 250p. At this level they may be worth buying.

Analysts never doubted the strengths of the company, but thought the shares were too highly priced. British investors concurred and gave the issue a big raspberry.

At 250p the prospective p/e ratio would be 13.9 against an *average in the motor sector of* 8 or 9. Certainly Avis deserves a healthy premium to the sector, but not as healthy as it awarded itself.

The sponsors' eagerness not to have Avis classed a motor stock and therefore lumped with manufacturers seems to have backfired. Even as an industrial stock a historic p/e of 17.9 is no giveaway.

However, the company is offering the prospects of at least 15 per cent annual compound growth. James Capel, the stockbroker, reckons the shares should be bought up to the 230p to 235p level and stored as a long-term core investment.

Any edging towards the 250p price is likely to spur a rush of selling for the next few months at least.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range November 4	Market rates close November 4	1 month	3 months
N York	1.4125-1.4155	1.4140-1.4150	0.62-0.60prem	1.77-1.74prem
Montreal	1.9630-1.9690	1.9655-1.9685	0.49-0.39prem	1.77-1.74prem
Ams'dam	3.2805-3.2910	3.2855-3.2900	1⅜-1¼prem	4⅜-4¼prem
Brussels	60.31-60.55	60.41-60.52	21-16prem	57-48prem
C'phgen	10.9280-10.9650	10.9450-10.9610	1½-¾prem	3⅝-2⅝prem
Dublin	1.0646-1.0689	1.0655-1.0665	13-41dis	36-104dis
Frankfurt	2.9050-2.9150	2.9080-2.9120	1⅜-1⅜prem	4⅝-4⅜prem
Lisbon	212.65-213.80	212.85-213.75	48-110dis	191-340dis
Madrid	194.40-195.15	194.65-194.95	25-64dis	45-116dis
Milan	2006.80-2015.00	2008.25-2012.50	3-par prem	4-par prem
Oslo	10.6150-10.6375	10.6220-10.6355	3-3⅞dis	9⅛-10⅛dis
Paris	9.4800-9.5150	9.4865-9.5030	3⅛-2⅞prem	7⅜-7prem
St'khlm	9.9110-9.9380	9.9190-9.9330	2⅛-1⅜prem	6⅛-5⅛prem
Tokyo	231.56-232.65	231.55-231.90	1⅝-1¼ yen	3⅝-3⅛prem
Vienna	20.42-20.50	20.46-20.49	10⅛-9prem	27¼-23⅝prem
Zurich	2.4200-2.4285	2.4230-2.4270	1⅝-1½prem	4⅝-4⅜prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 68.6 (day's range 68.5-68.7).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1.5933-1.6002
Australia dollar	2.2004-2.2044
Bahrain dinar	0.5305-0.5345
Brazil cruzado*	19.82-19.94
Cyprus pound	0.7330-0.7430
Finland marka	7.0515-7.0915
Greece drachma	196.50-198.50
Hong Kong dollar	11.0292-11.0378
India rupee	18.15-18.35
Iraq dinar	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4140-0.4180
Malaysia dollar	3.7060-3.7116
Mexico peso	1150.0-1200.0
New Zealand dollar	2.7972-2.8104
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.2805-5.3205
Singapore dollar	3.1018-3.1056
South Africa rand	3.1954-3.2123
U A E dirham	5.1710-5.2110

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.3285-1.3265
Singapore	2.1937-2.1947
Malaysia	2.6210-2.6230
Australia	0.6419-0.6426
Canada	1.3893-1.3898
Sweden	7.0125-7.0175
Norway	7.5050-7.5100
Denmark	7.7325-7.7375
West Germany	2.0548-2.0558
Switzerland	1.7118-1.7128
Netherlands	2.3210-2.3220
France	6.7025-6.7075
Japan	163.75-163.85
Italy	1419.0-1420.5
Belgium(Comm)	42.65-42.70
Hong Kong	7.8000-7.8005
Portugal	150.50-150.80
Spain	137.70-137.80
Austria	14.45-14.47

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 86	89.92	89.93	89.86	89.90	2886
Mar 87	89.30	89.31	89.29	89.29	253
Jun 87	89.53	89.54	89.50	89.53	298
Sep 87	89.45	89.46	89.40	89.44	116
Dec 87	N/T			89.18	0
Mar 88	88.95	88.95	88.95	88.95	4
Previous day's total open interest 13046					
Three Month Eurodollar		Previous day's total open interest 26209			
Dec 86	94.11	94.12	94.07	94.09	3703
Mar 87	94.10	94.11	94.06	94.07	1001
Jun 87	93.94	93.94	93.91	93.91	382
Sep 87	93.64	93.64	93.62	93.62	86
US Treasury Bond		Previous day's total open interest 5501			
Dec 86	98-10	98-13	97-27	97-31	3421
Mar 87	N/T			97-04	0
Jun 87	N/T			96-07	0
Short Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 881			
Dec 86	96-30	96-30	96-30	96-33	60
Mar 87	N/T			96-35	0
Jun 87	N/T				0
Long Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 18428			
Dec 86	111-03	111-08	110-22	111-07	12270
Mar 87	111-00	111-04	110-30	111-10	17
Jun 87	N/T			111-10	0
Sep 87	N/T				0
FT-SE 100		Previous day's total open interest 2711			
Dec 86	165.90	166.20	164.20	165.30	510
Mar 87	167.35	167.35	167.35	168.30	2

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Oct 20	Oct 31	Jan 22	Feb 2
Nov 3	Nov 14	Feb 5	Feb 16
Nov 17	Nov 28	Feb 19	Mar 2

Call options were taken out on: 4/11/86 LRC, Audiotronic, Dee Corp., Imtec, Samson, Greenwich Res., BOMS, GKN, Richardson West, UTC, Hyman, Mellerware, Goodhead, Prestwich, Foseco, THF, Macallan, BICC, Wellcome, Sears, WA Holdings, JFB, Tay Homes, SI Group, Helical, BCA, North Kals., Bulgin 'A', Sound Diffusion, Gestetner, Peek, Harris Queensway, Saatchi, Morgan Grenfell, IMPS, British Land, Wiggens, Systems Designers, Bio-Isolates.
Put: Hughes Food, Mecca, Riley Leisure.
Put & Call: Abaco, Imry, Kennedy Brookes, Greenwich Res., New Eng.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Anglia Secs (115p)	207 +5
Appleyard (125p)	168 -25
BCE (38p)	40
Baker Harris Sndr (170p)	203
Berry,Birch&Noble (115p)	122
Blenheim Exhib (95p)	126 -2
Citygrove (100p)	102
Creighton Labs (130p)	191 -2
Euro Home (180p)	151
Great Southern (135p)	160
Guthrie Corp (150p)	169
Harrison (150p)	157
Hughes Food (20p)	28½ +½
Interlink Express (165p)	203 +1
Local Lon Gp	255
Marlborough Tech (110p)	136
Mecca Leisure (135p)	151 -2
Miller & Santhouse (105p)	174 +2
Newage Trans (75p)	72
Radamec Gp (90p)	94 +1
Rotunda (95p)	90
Ryman (110p)	102
Sandell Perkins (135p)	186 +3
Scot Mtge 100% '25	£19
TSB Group (100p)	81¼ -1¼
Thames TV (190p)	214 +15
Treas 10% c.01 #96.50	£40 15/16 -1/16
Whitney Mackay (160p)	164 -1
Wootons Better (104p)	85
Yelverton (38p)	38 -1
Yorkshire TV (125p)	165 +4

RIGHTS ISSUES

Bellway N/P	7 -1
Blue Arrow N/P	67 +7
Brown Kent N/P	6
Elswick N/P	1½
FR Group N/P	7
Leisuretime F/P	80
Norfolk Cap F/P	21½
Parrish (JT) F/P	225
Petrocon N/P	16
Redland N/P	42
Siebe N/P	11

(issue price in brackets).

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Allied Lyons (*309)	300	25	35	45	10	13	18
	330	11	17	30	28	30	33
	360	2½	9	—	53	55	—
BP (*666)	600	102	120	—	6	15	—
	650	60	80	95	15	32	42
	700	30	43	60	35	60	67
Cons Gold (*543)	550	117	137	—	10	16	—
	600	85	102	112	18	35	47
	650	55	75	87	37	52	67
Courtaulds (*317)	260	60	71	—	1	3	—
	280	40	55	64	5	7	10
	300	28	37	46	9	13	16
	330	12	—	—	21	—	—
Com Union (*264)	260	33	40	—	4	8	—
	280	23	29	37	11½	17	20
	300	12	19	27	28	29	32
Cable & Wire (*318)	300	35	48	68	10	17	22
	325	18	32	—	20	30	—
	350	8	22	—	40	45	—
	375	4	—	—	60	—	—
GEC (*171)	160	18	28	32	4	8	8
	180	8	16	19	12	18	21
	200	2½	5½	—	30	32	—
Grand Met (*439)	360	90	95	—	1	3	—
	390	63	70	—	2	6	—
	420	40	52	65	11	12	20
	460	17	32	45	32	37	40
ICI (*1092)	950	170	188	—	6	11	—
	1000	125	143	—	8	20	—
	1050	85	108	132	18	33	42
	1100	54	75	100	40	58	60
Land Sec (*329)	300	38	48	58	4	7	9
	330	18	29	36	10	13	20
	360	8	12	—	29	30	—
Marks & Spen (*196)	180	22	30	38	3	6	9
	200	9	18	25	11	13	16
	220	3	9	12	26	27	28
Shell Trans (*922)	850	100	118	140	7	22	33
	900	62	82	106	25	45	53
	950	30	55	75	48	72	83
Trafalgar House (*286)	260	35	44	52	4	8	10
	280	20	30	38	12	16	20
	300	10	16	26	23	26	31
TSB (*81)	80	8	12½	14	3	5½	7
	90	3½	6½	8½	10	12½	13½
	100	1½	3½	—	19½	20½	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Beecham (*437)	360	84	93	—	2	3	—
	390	54	65	78	5	8	14
	420	30	48	57	14	21	27
	460	13	27	38	37	40	50
Boots (*237)	200	39	51	57	1	2	5
	220	21	33½	40	4	9	10
	240	7½	22	25	12	14	20
BTR (*292)	280	22	36	42	5	11	15
	300	—	23	30	—	20	27
	307	7½	—	—	22	—	—
Bass (*744)	650	110	120	135	3	7	15
	700	63	80	95	8	17	30
	750	30	50	63	25	40	50
Blue Circle (*611)	550	75	87	98	7	15	22
	600	43	57	70	23	32	38
	650	18	35	47	53	58	63
De Beers (*715)	650	90	115	—	17	40	—
	700	55	93	115	35	65	80
	750	35	68	90	70	90	115
	800	17	45	—	110	125	—
Dixons (*359)	300	66	76	—	1	2	—
	330	40	48	68	3	6	12
	360	18	30	48	12	18	20
GKN (*248)	240	19	30	38	9	13	17
	260	10	21	28	22	24½	29
	280	4	12	17	34	37	40
	300	2	5	—	54	54	—
Glaxo (*944)	900	58	105	125	20	40	54
	950	36	80	107	45	64	80
	1000	20	58	84	80	95	105
	1050	11	38	—	120	128	—
Hanson (*204)	160	45½	49	—	1	2	—
	180	26	31½	36½	1½	4½	6½
	200	11	17½	24	6½	10	14½

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Jaguar (*514)	500	38	55	75	18	32	35
	550	14	28	47	47	52	57
	600	3	16	—	88	90	—
Thorn EMI (*463)	420	57	67	77	3	8	13
	460	25	42	54	18	22	25
	500	10	25	34	40	45	48
	550	2	8	—	90	93	—
Tesco (*401)	330	80	—	—	1	—	—
	360	53	70	—	3	6	—
	390	27	43	57	7	14	20
	420	13	25	38	27	32	33

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Brit Aero (*486)	420	60	80	87	1	8	13
	460	24	48	62	7	16	25
	500	6	28	42	30	37	43
BAT Inds (*488)	360	128	140	—	½	1	—
	390	98	110	118	1	1½	4
	420	67	88	90	1	6	9
	460	28	47	58	5	15	22
Barclays (*484)	460	32	52	65	5	8	12
	500	5	27	37	22	27	33
	550	1	9	18	67	67	70
Brit Telecom (*190)	180	13	22	27	1	7	10
	200	2	9	17	12	17	20
	220	½	3½	10	31	32	34
Cadbury Schwpps (*193)	160	34	42	47	1½	6	7
	180	15	28	31	3½	8	13
	200	3	15½	20	11	19	28
Guinness (332)	300	37	48	53	2	9	15
	330	12	23	30	11	20	25
	360	2	8	15	33	40	42
Imperial Gr (*393)	300	105	—	—	1	—	—
	330	75	—	—	1	—	—
	360	45	—	—	1	—	—
Ladbroke (*364)	330	37	55	62	1½	7	10
	360	13	30	42	8	15	18
	390	2	13	23	30	33	37
LASMO (*133)	110	25	32	37	2	5	8
	120	16	25	30	2	8	12
	130	9	16	22	5	12	18
Midland Bank (*552)	500	57	72	82	2	8	12
	550	16	35	47	13	27	33
	600	3	10	18	52	55	60
P & O (*516)	460	62	77	87	1½	5	8
	500	23	42	57	5	13	22
	550	3	18	28	37	43	48
	600	½	—	—	85	—	—
Racal (*175)	160	18	26	36	3	8	12
	180	4	14	22	11	17	22
	200	1½	7	12	28	30	34
RTZ (*686)	600	92	110	125	2	10	28
	650	42	75	90	8	26	42
	700	17	45	60	28	50	65
	750	5	—	—	67	—	—
Vaal Reefs (*76)	70	9	13	16½	2½	7	9½
	80	2½	7½	11	7	11½	14
	90	¾	3½	6½	16½	19	20½

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Nov	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Lonrho (*240)	200	41	45	52	1½	2	7
	218	22	—	—	2	—	—
	236	9	—	—	4	—	—
	240	—	20	26	—	18	22
	255	3	—	—	19	—	—

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£102)	100	2¼	3/16	3¼	1/16	¾	1⅜
	102	⅝	27/32	2 3/16	15/32	1⅝	2 5/16
	104	3/16	1 1/16	1⅜	2 5/16	4 5/16	3¾
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£109)	106	3 5/16	4⅜	5 1/16	⅛	1 7/16	2⅜
	108	1⅜	3½	4 9/16	⅜	2 5/16	3⅜
	110	⅞	2½	3⅜	25/32	3⅜	4⅜
	112	5/16	29/32	2⅜	3⅞	7 5/16	5⅜
	114	3/16	1¼	2 1/16	5¼	6⅜	6⅞
	116	1/16	¾	1 9/16	7¼	7¾	8⅝

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Dec	Calls Jan	Calls Feb	Puts Nov	Puts Dec	Puts Jan	Puts Feb
FT-SE Index (*1638)	1525	120	—	—	—	1½	—	—	—
	1550	98	113	122	—	3	8	17	—
	1575	77	90	102	—	7	14	25	—
	1600	57	72	85	—	14	22	33	—
	1625	40	57	70	82	24	33	40	50
	1650	25	42	55	65	35	43	52	60
	1675	17	28	—	—	47	55	—	—
	1700	10	18	—	—	68	73	—	—

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Douglas (RM)	Building,Roads	
2	McCarthy & S	Building,Roads	
3	Goldberg (A)	Drapery, Stores	
4	Borland	Electricals	
5	Brantons (Mus)	Industrials A-D	
6	Anchor Chemical	Chemicals,Plas	
7	Scot TV	Cinemas,TV	
8	Hawker Siddeley	Industrials E-K	
9	Bilton (J)	Industrials A-D	
10	Desoutter	Industrials A-D	
11	Young 'A'	Breweries	
12	Bespak	Industrials A-D	
13	Fife Indust	Industrials E-K	
14	Wace	Paper,Print,Adv	
15	Farnell Elect	Electricals	
16	Vickers	Industrials S-Z	
17	Radiant Metal	Industrials L-R	
18	Cadbury Schweppes	Foods	
19	Joseph (Leopold)	Banks,Discount	
20	Bass	Breweries	
21	TVS N/V	Cinemas,TV	
22	Western Bros	Building,Roads	
23	Cement-Roadstone	Building,Roads	
24	French (Thomas)	Industrials E-K	
25	Granada	Industrials E-K	
26	Eastern Prod	Industrials E-K	
27	Alexandra W'wear	Industrials A-D	
28	Lincroft Kilgour	Drapery, Stores	
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30	Fogarty	Industrials E-K	
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32	Wilson (Connolly)	Building,Roads	
33	Amersham	Chemicals,Plas	
34	CASE	Electricals	
35	Ellis & Everard	Chemicals,Plas	
36	Aberdeen Constr	Building,Roads	
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39	Tarmac	Building,Roads	
40	Plessey	Electricals	
41	Blue Circle	Building,Roads	
42	Arlen	Electricals	
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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)

FOB

Dec	148.6-48.0
Mar	160.4-60.0
May	163.0-63.5
Aug	167.0-68.2
Oct	170.2-70.0
Dec	173.0-72.2
Vol:	4811

COCOA

Dec	1479-78
Mar	1514-13
May	1536-35
Jul	1560-59
Sep	1582-80
Dec	1611-09
Mar	1640-39
Vol:	2200

COFFEE

Nov	2340-338
Jan	2350-348
Mar	2210-200
May	2225-220
Jul	2240-235
Sep	2260-240
Nov	2270-340
Vol:	5111

SOYABEAN

Dec	134.0-33.5
Feb	136.5-35.5
Apr	137.5-36.5
Jun	135.0-34.2
Aug	134.0-33.0
Oct	136.0-34.0
Dec	137.5-35.0
Vol:	124

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE

Supplied via Commodity Market Services Ltd

HEAVY FUEL OIL

Nov	69.00-70.0
Dec	71.0-71.25
Jan	73.50-75.0
Feb	72.00
Mar	72.00
Apr	—
—	—
Vol:	5

GAS OIL

Nov	121.00-20.75
Dec	125.00-25.75
Jan	129.75-29.50
Feb	132.00-31.50
Mar	129.50-29.00
Apr	123.00-28.00
May	128.00-20.00
Jun	130.00-20.00
Jul	130.00-20.00
Vol:	2867

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Radiff Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A

Cash	924.00-925.00
Three Months	947.00-947.50
Vol	2850
Tone	Steadier

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	906.00-907.00
Three Months	929.00-930.00
Vol	25
Tone	Quiet

LEAD

Cash	319.00-320.00
Three Months	314.00-315.00
Vol	1700
Tone	Barely Steady

ZINC STANDARD

Cash	565.00-575.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	595.00-596.00
Three Months	583.00-584.00
Vol	3200
Tone	Barely Steady

SILVER LARGE

Cash	404.50-405.50
Three Months	415.00-416.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

SILVER SMALL

Cash	404.50-405.50
Three Months	415.00-416.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	801.00-802.00
Three Months	814.00-814.50
Vol	7200
Tone	Steady

NICKEL

Cash	2570-2575
Three Months	2610-2615
Vol	216
Tone	Steady

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 4

GB: Cattle, 92.34p per kg lw (+1.18)
GB: Sheep 158.51p per kg* (+17.70)
GB: Pigs, 78.63p per kg lw (+1.01)
* est. dead carcase weight

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 9.6 %, ave. price, 91.37p(+1.11)
Sheep nos. down 1.7 %, ave. price, 155.20p(+16.74)
Pig nos. down 0.3 %, ave. price, 78.10p(-1.17)

Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 24.5 %, ave. price, 95.42p(+1.86)
Sheep nos. down 17.8 %, ave. price, 154.38p(+21.82)
Pig nos. down 6.7 %, ave. price, 80.29p(+0.26)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE

Live Pig Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Nov	103.0	102.0
Feb	97.3	97.8
Apr	98.9	98.9
Jun	98.3	98.3
Aug	97.0	97.0
—	—	—
—	—	—
—	—	—
		Vol: 0

Pig (Meat vol: 3

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE

Live Cattle Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Nov	97.0	97.0
Feb	98.0	98.0
Apr	99.0	99.0
Jun	99.0	99.0
Aug	99.0	99.0
—	—	—
—	—	—
—	—	—
		Vol: 0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Nov	108.30	110.25
Jan	111.60	113.80
Mar	114.20	115.75
May	116.25	118.40
Jul	118.00	—
Sep	191.45	101.45

Volume:
Wheat: 525
Barley: 64

LONDON POTATO FUTURES

£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Nov	112.00	112.00
Feb	121.00	122.00
Apr	165.50	167.50
May	183.50	185.20
Nov	85.00	85.00
—	—	—
—	—	—
		Vol: 475

BIFFEX

G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd report $10 per index point freight index

	High/Low	Close
Jan 87	745.0-738.0	741.0
Apr 87	788.0-780.0	783.5
Jul 87	697.0-689.0	690.0
Oct 87	795.0-788.0	787.0
Jan 88	790.0-780.0	780.0
Apr 88	880.0-880.0	880.0
Jul 88	805.0-795.0	780.0
Oct 88	—	872.5

Vol: 246 lots
Open interest: 1982

TANKER REPORT

	High/Low	Close
Nov 86	860.0-860.0	860.0
Dec 86	—	952.5
Jan 87	—	945.0
Mar 87	—	950.0
Jun 87	—	945.0
Sep 87	—	950.0

Vol: 10 lots
Open interest 24

Spot market commentary:

Tanker Index:
842.5 up 40.5 on 3/11/86

Dry cargo Index:
781.5 down on 3/11/86

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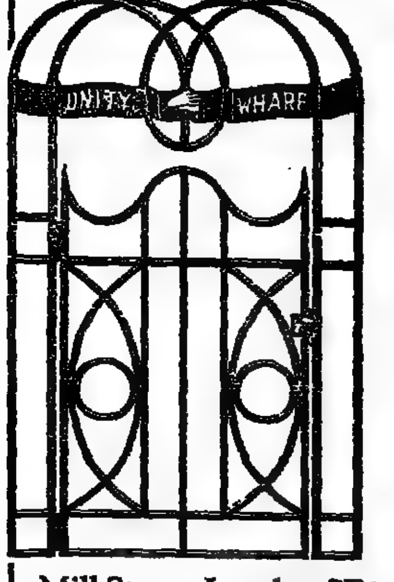

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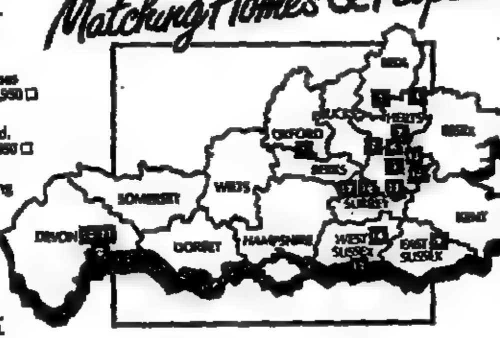

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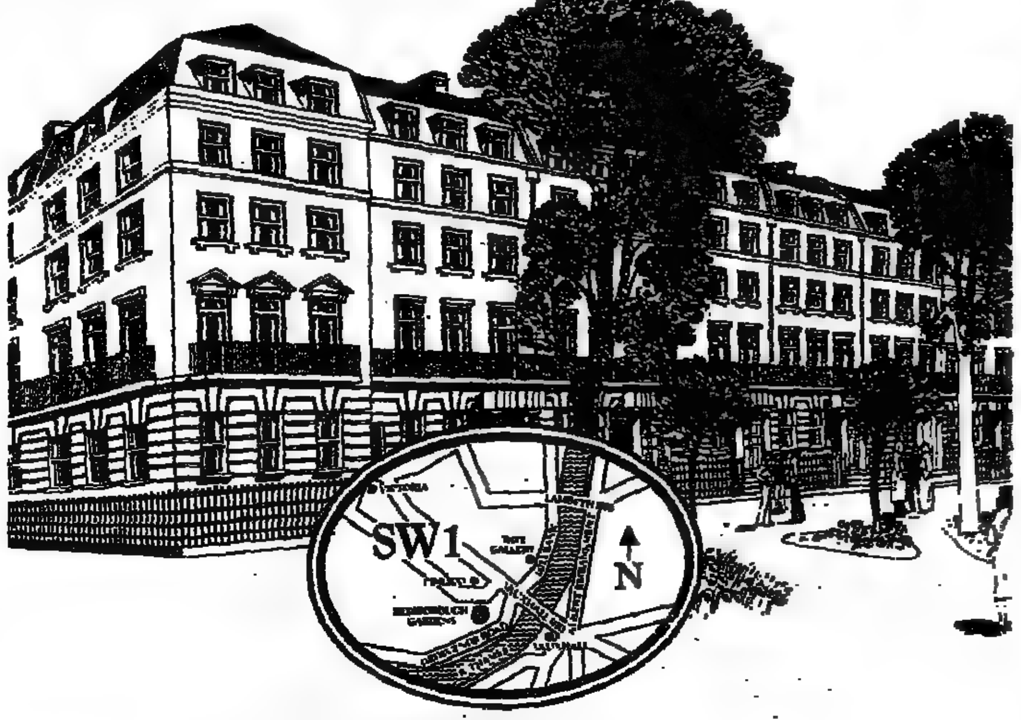

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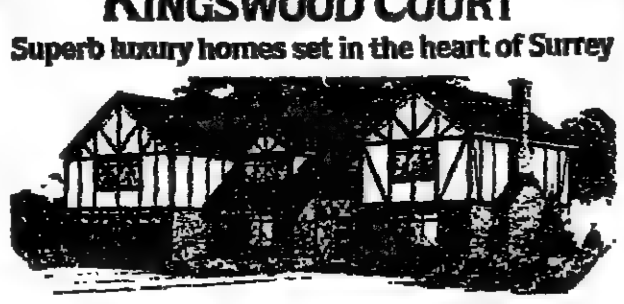

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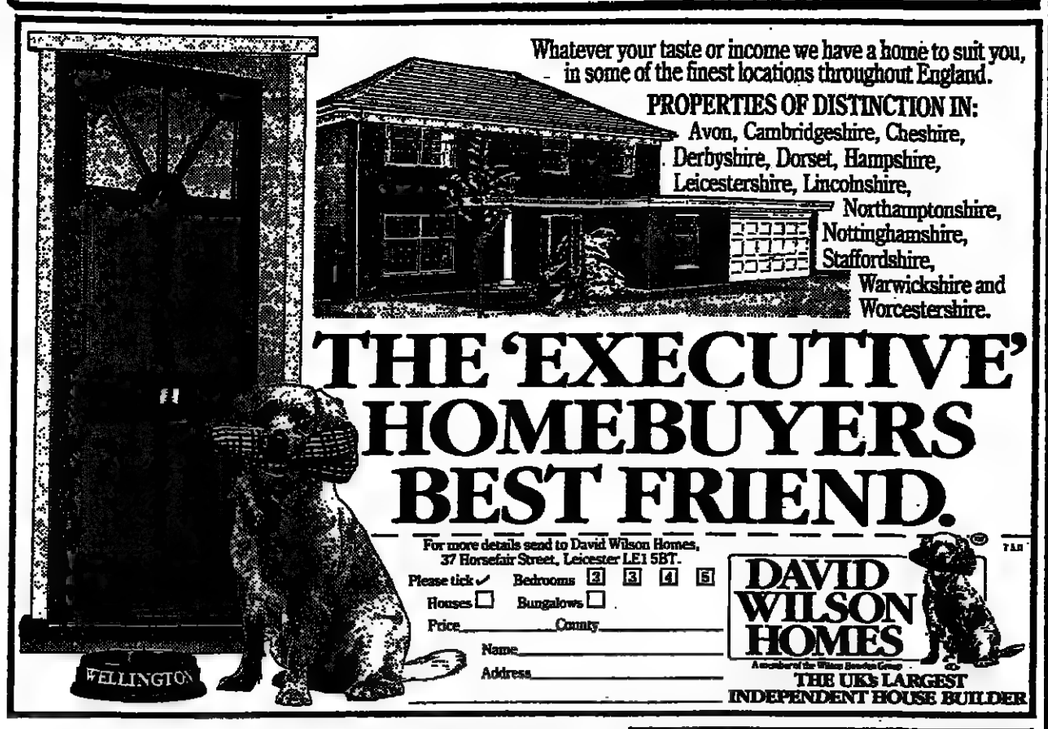

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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY/1

Barratt's Tennyson house, far left, which now has a conservatory, and, above, the more modest Kenilworth of Alfred McAlpine Homes

What every buyer needs to know

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

The most important service the housebuilder can provide when he presents his new house to the public is to be helpful to the customer and give him or her accurate pre-purchase information, a survey of new house buyers shows.

The survey, part of the *Housebuilder of the Year competition* run by Express Newspapers in association with the New Homes Marketing Board, reports that the next four services in order of priority are advice received on legal matters, meeting the building deadline, the condition of the house on moving-in day, and the efficiency of the builder in rectifying faults.

The first priority has remained in that position for three years, emphasizing that potential buyers need to be reassured on the facts of house buying before taking the plunge.

They are also increasingly discerning in their approach to house-buying, whether it is a first home or not, and builders, not surprisingly, are taking up the challenge of building better and more imaginatively.

To those buying older homes, it may be a surprise to know that new houses are more expensive. But statistics provided by the Nationwide Building Society show that the average for Britain is £45,000 for a new house, £40,000 for a modern house, and £35,000 for an older one.

For detached houses, the average is about £60,000 (new), £56,000 (modern) and £57,000 (older). For terraced houses the figures are £34,000, £32,000 and £29,000 respectively.

"Kerb appeal" helps to sell houses, a feature which many builders concentrate on, both in single houses and clusters. Berkely Homes, for example, is building six large detached Tudor-style properties in a wooded location in Arkley, Hertfordshire, in which each is individually designed, part rendered, part timbered with some herringbone brickwork.

The brick and tile was chosen carefully to blend into the rural atmosphere, great attention has been paid to detail and the houses cost about £395,000. David Wilson Homes, one of the award winners, operating largely in the Midlands, takes the view that each buyer wants something different and, therefore, has 150 designs.

On its 800-house development at Leicester Forest East it is using all of them, from bungalow to Tudor, Georgian and Regency, and probably a few more before it is completed as new demands emerge.

Barratt's *Premier Collection* of more than 50 styles, launched last year, has now been updated and several more added. The range costs from £20,000 to more than £450,000 and at the latter end of the market — the Sovereign range — further luxury features have been added.

Barratt has noted the resurgence of interest in conservatories and has included a Victorian-style conservatory with its Tennyson four-bedroom house. Upstairs the master bedroom has a split-level bathroom with a whirlpool bath and separate shower, while the main bathroom has an adjoining sauna.

The Balmoral is a three-bedroom bungalow which has a unusual split-level lounge, and a master bedroom with patio door leading to the garden. Mike Norton, the Barratt Group marketing director, said: "Before launching the *Premier Collection* we carried out considerable research to discover the demands and tastes of modern house-buyers. Our styles set new standards and now our architects have further improved designs and specifications."

Dulwich Gate, home of the Prime Minister, is one of Barratt's flagship developments, and now Wimpey, its rivals at the head of building affairs, has come up with what it describes as Blackheath's answer to Dulwich Gate — Mayfield, on the Cator estate in Blackheath village, entered through lodge gates to prevent through traffic.

In contrast to the predominantly Georgian and neo-Georgian architecture of the area, the houses are modern in style, but have proved equally attractive to buyers. The five-bedroom detached houses are all under offer, but there are a few semi-detached houses for sale, through Winkworth Blackheath and Hornors of Beckenham, at £255,000 and £257,500.

They have, among their features, "period" mouldings, skirtings and architraves throughout.

Alfred McAlpine Homes, faced with the many standard "boxes" still being built, has dispensed with the uniform method of home construction and is attempting to emulate other builders who are providing greater variety. Its styles remain traditional, but it is adopting an adventurous approach to ensure that no two developments look the same, and at the same time offering a different combination of design features and specifications for each house.

One of its three-storey houses at Grange Park Place, Wimbledon, incorporates a turret enclosing a circular stairway. At Redditch, a four-bedroom detached house built into a hillside on two different levels has a split-level feature.

McAlpine has more than 50 house types, from starter homes to retirement homes, ranging in price from £22,950 to £350,000. They are designed to be as maintenance free as possible, with extensive insulation and energy saving standards far above the present building regulations.

The prize for the most unusual new home on the market goes to Britain's first geodesic dome home — that is the claim of the builder Nectar Domes Ltd of Purley, Surrey — at Tatsfield on the Surrey/Kent borders. It has been furnished by interior designers to complement the style of the dome and has a spacious central lobby leading to the main rooms and master bedroom suite, with a gallery and three further bedrooms on the first floor. It costs about £300,000.

It is designed to be thermally efficient and has 38 per cent less surface area than a conventional home through which to lose heat. The dome, 45 feet in diameter with a floor area of 2,600 square feet, is set in half an acre of wooded ground and the selling agent is Distinctive Homes, Bromley, Kent.

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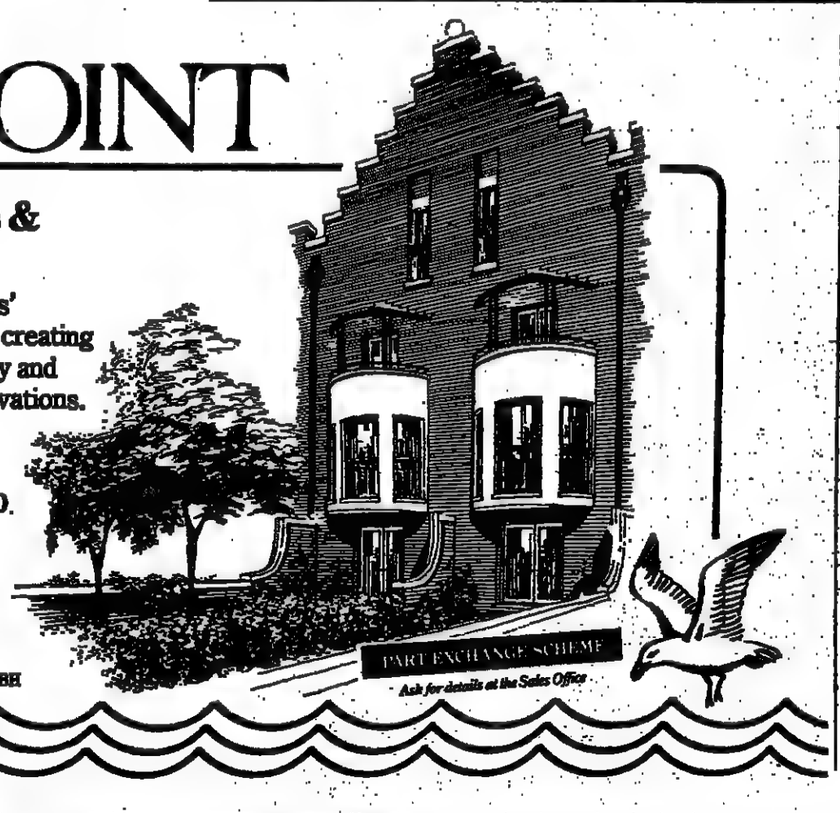

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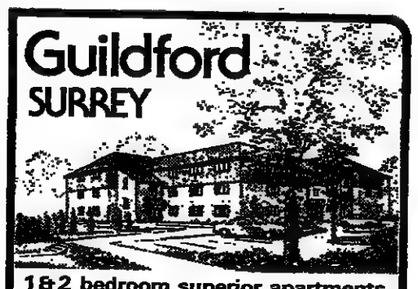

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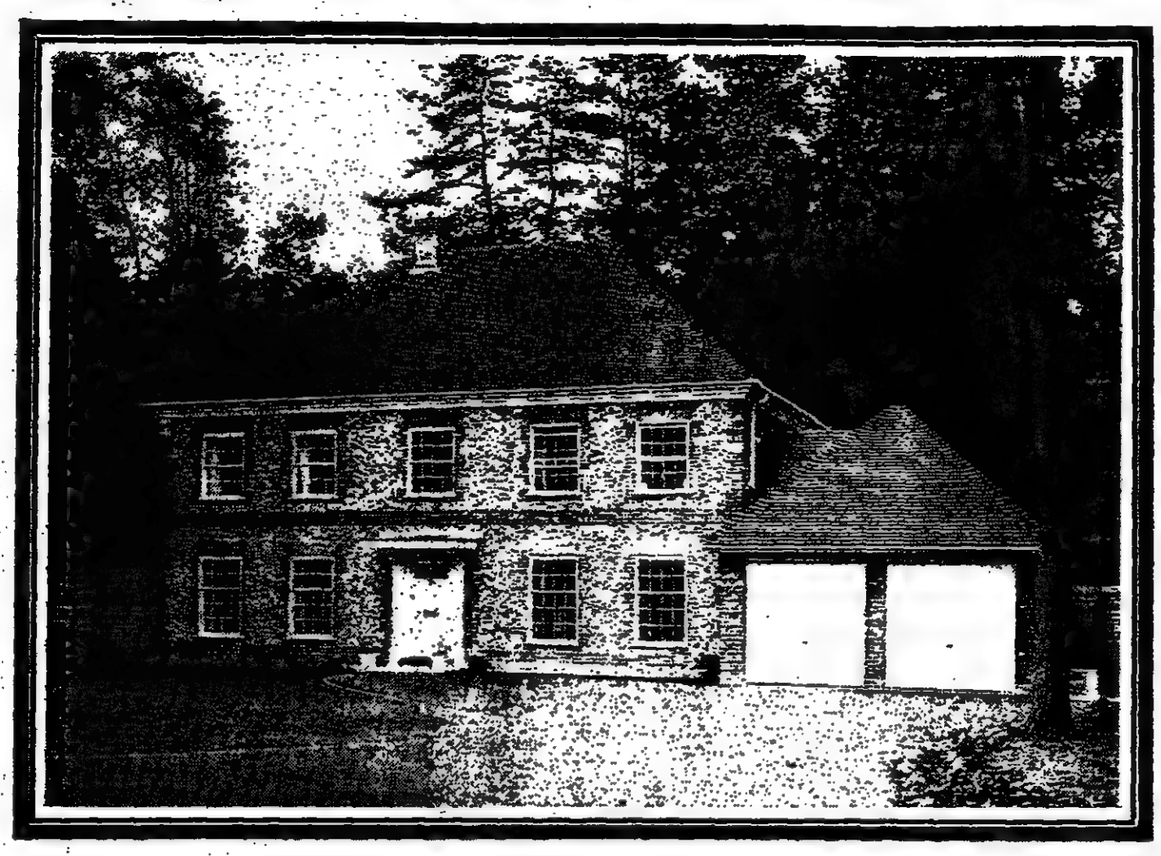

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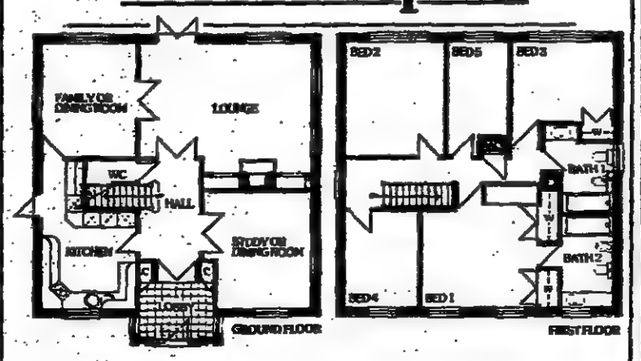

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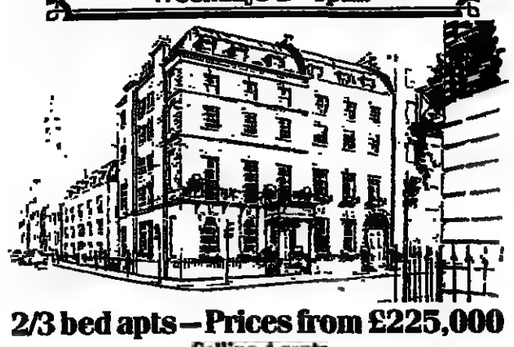

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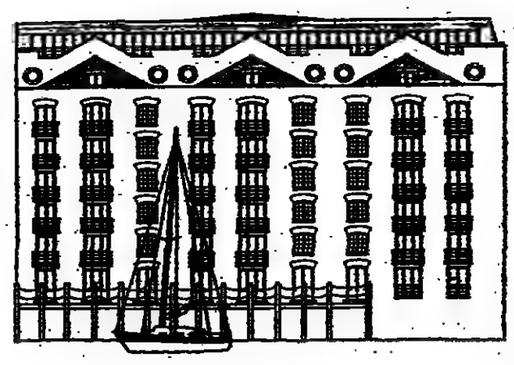

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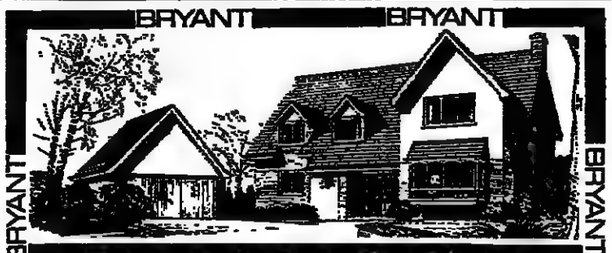

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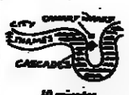

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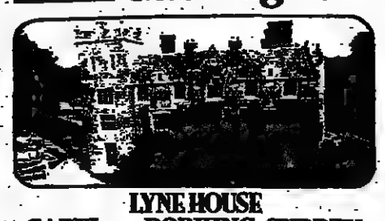

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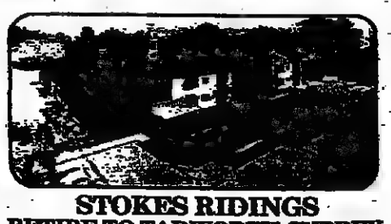

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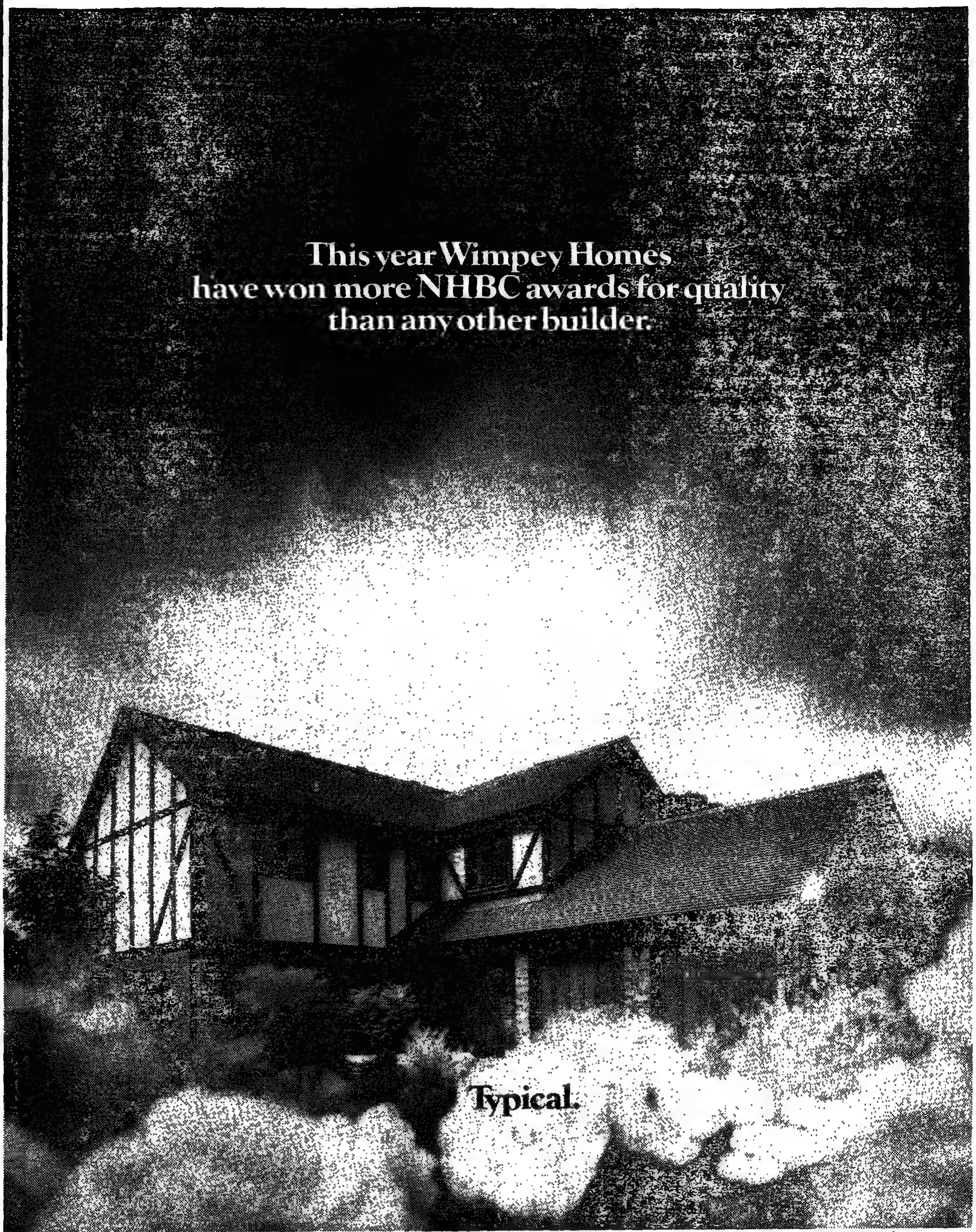

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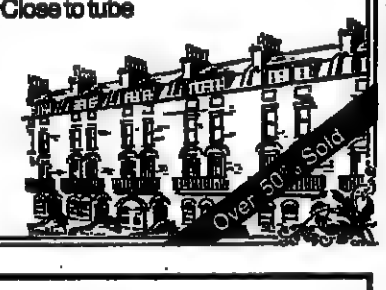

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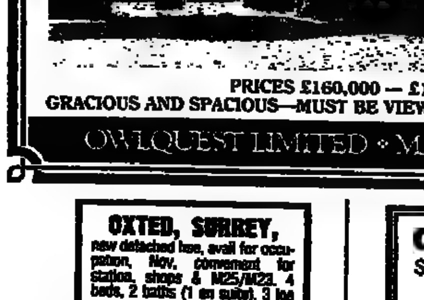

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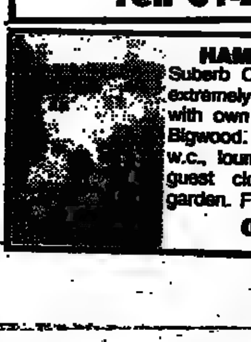

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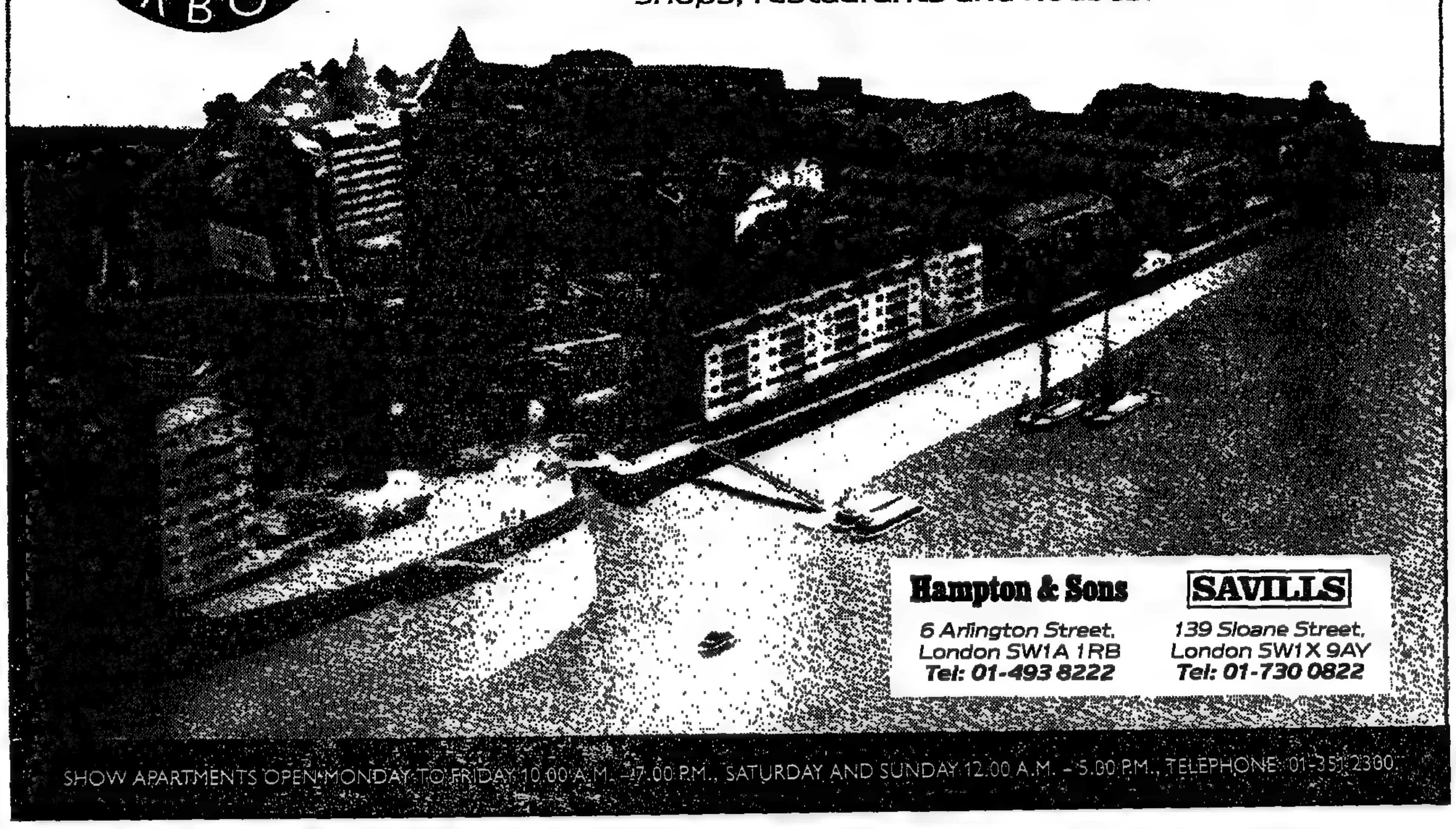

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Little Thakeham, near Pulborough, West Sussex, now a hotel, is being sold on behalf of Mr and Mrs Tim Ractliff and it is the real thing. Considered not only by critics as one of his best works, Lutyens himself thought it "the best of the bunch".

It was built in 1902 for Ernest Blackburn, and is an evocation of the Elizabethan manor house, probably in part the result of the influence on Lutyens of his visit to Mapledurham four years earlier. Planned in an H shape, the house is built in local sandstone, which has weathered to create an impression of greater age.

It has been variously described as French mannerist, baroque and Mantuan, according to the notes accompanying the Lutyens' exhibition at the Hayward Gallery in London in 1981, in which it is catalogued as one of his great houses.

This classical house, set in about five acres, has a reception hall 60 feet long, leading to a spectacular double-height drawing room, overlooked by balconies. The drawing room is 35 feet by 19 feet, south-facing.

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The accommodation includes eight bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms, two further bedrooms and a shower room, drawing room, dining room, sitting room and kitchen. The east wing is now an executive staff wing, with three bedrooms, two bathrooms, drawing room dining room, kitchen/breakfast room and extensive cellerage.

Lutyens was considered to be at the height of powers at the turn of the century, and apart from the grandeur of the house, it contains many of his humorous and loving touches, including the door fittings, which make the house so pleasant.

The gardens were inspired by Gertrude Jekyll, who worked closely with Lytyens, and were influenced by Mr Blackburn, a keen gardener himself, for whom the house was built. There is a small formal garden north of the house, and the main gardens to the south are floodlit. There is a grass tennis court and croquet lawn and a heated swimming pool.

The house lies less than a mile south of the village of Thakeham, and has fine views to the South Downs over the surrounding orchards and to the North Downs over the Weald. It has, subsequent to Lutyens' interest in the house, a registered helipad and an asking price of over £1.5 million through Knight Frank and Rutley's London and Guildford offices.

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BRIEFING

■ College Heights is a Victorian building on the fringes of the City which shows that there are places other than Docklands to live for people who work in or near the Square Mile. Set in St John's Street, Islington, close to the Angel, between Sadlers Wells and the Barbican, it has been converted to 24 one and two bedroom flats costing from £62,500 to £128,000.

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■ A barn, oast house and bungalow at Maresfield, Sussex, together form three sides of a private green close to the centre of the village, and they are to be auctioned at Uckfield on November 13 by King and Chasemore.

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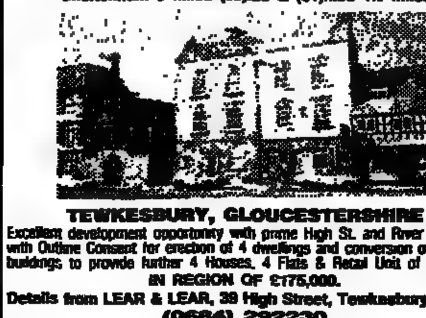

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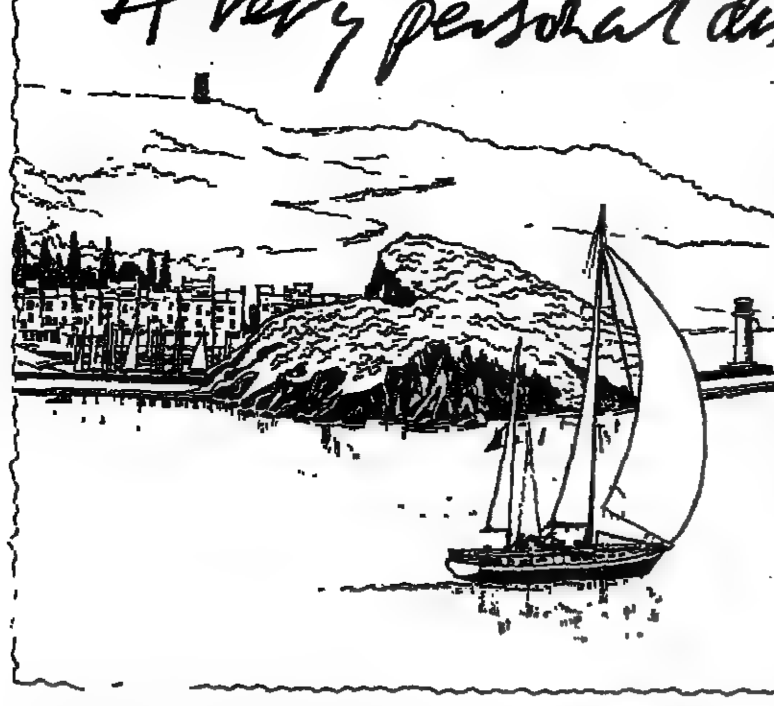

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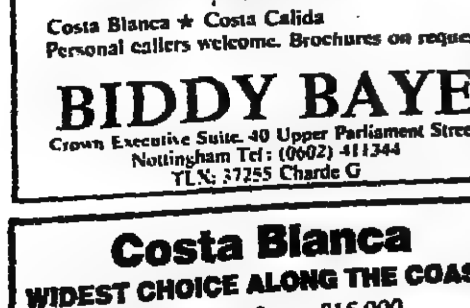

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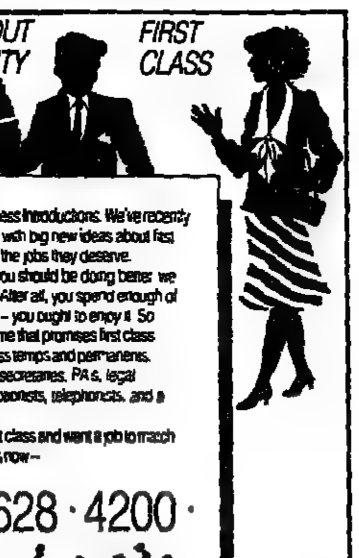

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Exchange loss damages foreseeable

Lips Maritime Corporation v President of India

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Nicholls and Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce

[Judgment October 31]

Where a charterparty between a shipowner and a charterer provided that demurrage should be calculated in US dollars but paid to the shipowner in British sterling at the rate of exchange prevailing on the date of the bill of lading, and payment was not made by the charterer at the proper time, the currency exchange loss suffered by the shipowner was recoverable as special damages.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by shipowner, Lips Maritime Corporation, from a decision of Mr Justice Staughton on April 3, 1985.

Mr Steven Gee for the shipowner; Mr Roger Buckley, QC and Mr A. J. Glennie for the charterer.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that the President of India had chartered the MV Lips, owned by Lips Maritime Corporation, to carry a cargo of diammonium phospate from Mississippi ports to India.

Clause 9 of the charterparty provided that demurrage was to be calculated in US dollars and clause 30 provided that demurrage should be paid in British external sterling at the mean exchange rate ruling on the date of the bill of lading.

The charterparty also provided for the reference of any dispute to two arbitrators in London and for the arbitrators to appoint an umpire in the event of disagreement.

The vessel completed loading in Donaldsonville and discharged at Visakhapatnam and at Calcutta, discharge being completed after some considerable delay. The parties were unable to agree as to the period of time for which demurrage was payable and the dispute was referred to arbitration.

On February 22, 1983 the umpire, who had entered the reference when the two arbitrators nominated by the parties had failed to agree, published his final award.

He awarded the shipowner £19,896 which included interest amounting to £4,658. The award stated that on the date of the bill of lading the rate of exchange was US$2.37 = £1 but that at the time of the award it was US$1.54 = £1.

Thus, if conversion of the amount awarded was made at the former rate the shipowner would suffer a considerable loss.

The award further stated that the charterer was in breach in not making payment at the proper time and the damages for that breach was the difference between the respective rates of exchange.

The charterer was dissatisfied with the decision of the umpire and appealed to the High Court. Mr Justice Lloyd remitted the final award to the umpire for further consideration.

The judge said that it seemed inevitable that he should have to allow the appeal for there was no better established rule of English common law than the rule that a creditor could not, in the absence of some express or implied agreement, recover damages for late payment of a debt: see *London, Chatham and Dover Railway Co v South Eastern Railway Co* ([1893] AC 429).

But the rule was not without exceptions. It forbade the recovery of general damages for late payment of a debt, but not special damages.

The difference between general damages and special damages in that connection was the difference between damages recoverable under the first part of the rule in *Hadley v Baxendale* ((1854) 9 Exch 341): that is, damages foreseeable as flowing naturally and probably from the breach of contract in the ordinary course of events; and damages recoverable under the second branch of that rule, that is, damages foreseeable in the particular circumstances of the case because of special matters known to both parties at the time of making the contract.

On November 23, 1984 the umpire, having received further submissions, published his further award by which he stated that the loss by the devaluation of sterling was something which was reasonably foreseeable by, or within actual or assumed contemplation of the parties, that such loss was liable to result if payment at the appropriate time was not made and that, therefore, the case came within the second rule in *Hadley v Baxendale*.

On March 29, 1985 the case returned to the Commercial Court. It came before Mr Justice Staughton who held that the umpire's conclusion as stated in his further award could not stand.

What then was the present law as to the recovery of damages at common law for a breach of contract which consisted of the late payment of money? In his Lordship's view the position was as follows:

A payee could not recover damages by way of interest merely because the money had been paid late. The basis of that principle appeared to be that the court would not impute to the parties the knowledge that in the ordinary course of things the late payment of money would result in loss.

In order to recover damages for late payment it was necessary for the payee to establish facts which brought the case within the second part of the rule in *Hadley v Baxendale*.

It might be said that the line between the two parts of the rule had become blurred so that the division had lost much of its utility. But it was clear, as Mr Justice Staughton recognized in the instant case, that the court had to find the dividing line because it was only if the claim fell within the second part of the rule that the loss could be recovered.

In the present case the umpire based his conclusion on the fact that the parties knew or should have known the following:

(a) that it was the general expectation among businessmen that sterling would decline and in particular against the US dollar

(b) that clause 30 was designed to protect the Indian Government against the devaluation of sterling between the date of the bills of lading and the due date for the payment of demurrage and

(c) that it was almost universal practice of Greek shipowners to operate their business in US dollars so that if a sterling sum were paid late the owner was likely to suffer an exchange loss on conversion.

Mr Justice Staughton concluded that none of those facts constituted a "special fact communicated by the owner to the charterer which would not have been apparent to any other businessman in the same trade". In his Lordship's view, the judge in reaching that conclusion took too narrow a view of the limitations imposed on the rule in *London, Chatham and Dover Railway Co v South Eastern Railway Co*.

The question in each case was to determine what loss was reasonably within the contemplation of the parties at the time when the contract was made. In dealing with that question the court would not impute to the parties the knowledge that damages flowed naturally from a delay in payment. But where there was evidence of what the parties knew or ought to have known the court was in a position to determine what was in their reasonable contemplation.

For that purpose the court was entitled to take account of the terms of the contract between the parties and of the surrounding circumstances, and to draw inferences. In drawing inferences as to the parties' actual or imputed knowledge the court was not obliged to ignore facts or circumstances of which other people doing similar business might have been

In view of the continued existence of the rule in the *London, Chatham and Dover Railway* case the court could not make the assumption in favour of a plaintiff that the parties contemplated that the late payment of money would result in loss, but where the proved facts were such as to lead to the inference that the parties would have reasonably contemplated the relevant special loss, the loss could be properly recovered.

Accordingly, in his Lordship's view, the exchange loss which was suffered by the owner by reason of the late payment of the demurrage was recoverable as damages within the second part of the rule in *Hadley v Baxendale*.

Lord Justice Nicholls and Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce agreed.

Solicitors: Richards Butler; Zaiwalla & Co.

Meaning of report for school closure

Regina v Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council, Ex parte Molloy

Before Mr Justice Mann

[Judgment November 4]

A report by an education committee of a local education authority made for the purpose of exercising its functions with respect to education, pursuant to paragraph 7 of Schedule 1 of the *Education Act 1944*, must necessarily involve an evaluation of all issues relevant to making a decision.

Mr Justice Mann so held in the Queen's Bench Division, granting an order of *certiorari* to the applicant, Mrs Melanie Molloy, mother of three children attending the West Slaithwaite Church of England Junior and Infants School, which the respondents, Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council by a decision dated September 25, 1985, proposed to cease to maintain.

Mr Richard Allfrey for the applicant; Miss Elizabeth Appleby, QC and Mr John Steel for the respondents.

MR JUSTICE MANN said that the applicant contended that there was no report. It was common ground first, that the decision to initiate the closure procedure was the exercise of a function with respect to education; and second, that the report was a condition precedent to a lawful decision being satisfied. The issue was thus whether there was a report.

On January 25, 1985 the respondent's director of education services reported to the authority's education subcommittee for a meeting on February 5, 1985. His report recommended that officers should consult parents, governing bodies, teaching staff and others with a view to closing three schools with effect from August 31, 1986. Among those schools was the West Slaithwaite Church of England Junior and Infant School.

The education subcommittee accepted the recommendation, and that resolution was confirmed by the education committee in Februaru 1985.

On August 20, 1985, there was another meeting of the education subcommittee for which the director of educational services prepared another report. On September 3, the education committee resolved that the minutes of the education subcommittee meeting of August 20 be confirmed. On September 20, that minute came before the education authority, and after debate it was adopted and confirmed.

In his Lordship's judgment there was no report such as was required by the Education Act 1944. There was a single recommendation.

A report had to involve an evaluation. It had to be an account of issues relevant to making the decision. An account could be in the form of adoption of a report.

Here there was simply a recommendation. The respondents had no evaluation and a bland recommendation did not satisfy the requirements of the statute. An evaluation was essential.

Since it was accepted that a report was mandatory, the decision had to be quashed.

Solicitors: Ridley & Hall, Huddersfield; Mr M. R. G. Vause, Huddersfield.

Law Society exams

In the Law Society summer final examination (Friday October 31) the following names were either omitted or misspelled: (Part A) P L Ells; G Henderson (first class honours). (Part B, original format): A P C-H Seow; P J Sheehan; A M Shoemark-Smith.

Criminal standard of proof required in committal for contempt

Deborah Building Equipment Ltd v Scaffco Ltd and Another

Before Mr Justice Potts

[Judgment October 31]

A plaintiff who sought the committal of a defendant for breach of a court order had to establish the breach beyond reasonable doubt.

Furthermore, unless the terms of the order were absolute and unqualified, a breach would not be proved unless the plaintiff also established that the defendant's disobedience to the order was wilful or deliberate.

Mr Justice Potts so held in the Queen's Bench Division, granting a motion by Deborah Building Equipment Ltd to commit Mr Patrick Prickett, a director of Scaffco Ltd (in liquidation), for breach of an order of Mr Justice Gatehouse of August 14, 1986, and ordering that he be committed to prison for three months, such order to be suspended for a year.

Mr B. Clive Freedman for the plaintiffs; Mr Barry Stancombe for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE POTTS said that Scaffco Ltd, Mr Pricket's one-man company, had hired substantial quantities of scaffolding equipment from the plaintiffs.

By August 1986, the plaintiffs became concerned that Scaffco would be incapable of paying the hire charges and would not return their equipment worth about £211,000.

They obtained *ex parte* an order from Mr Justice Gatehouse against Scaffco requiring them, *inter alia*, as far as possible to disclose equipment and the quantity thereof on site; to deliver up forthwith equipment supplied to them by the plaintiffs; and restraining them from moving equipment from the sites on which it was then situated, save to permit the plaintiffs to take delivery thereof.

On October 13, 1986 Scaffco was wound up and the present motion was brought against Mr Pricket alone, it having been conceded that the terms of the order affected him and had been brought to his attention.

Two questions as to the applicable law arose:

1 What standard of proof had the plaintiffs to discharge to show that the defendant was in breach of the order?

2 What had the plaintiffs to prove as to the defendant's state of mind in order to establish a breach?

Reference had been made to the judgment of Mr Justice Hutchison in *West Oxfordshire District Council v Beratec Ltd* (*The Times* October 30, 1986), who held that the civil standard of proof applied in proceedings for breach of an undertaking given to the court.

It was further held in that case that it was no answer to a contempt charge to prove that non-compliance with an order was casual, inadvertent or accidental.

It was to be noted that that case was one where the relevant court order, or undertaking given by the defendant, was unqualified in its terms.

The previously settled law was recited in *Borrie & Lowe's Law of Contempt* 2nd edition (1983) at p399, which stated that in contempt proceedings the contempt had to be proved beyond reasonable doubt.

The authority for that statement was *In re Bramblevale* ([1970] Ch 128), in which Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, said: "A contempt is an offence of a criminal character. A man may be sent to prison for it . . . it must be proved beyond reasonable doubt . . .".

His Lordship followed that authority in considering the questions of fact raised by the present motion and applied the criminal standard of proof.

After considering the authorities, some of which were referred to in *Beratec* and others which had been cited in argument in the present case, including *Heaton's Transport (St Helens) Ltd v Transport and General Workers' Union* ([1973] AC 15) and *Stancomb v Trowbridge Urban District Council* ([1910] 2 Ch 190), his Lordship proposed to approach the case on the basis that the plaintiffs had to establish that the defendant wilfully, that is deliberately, breached the court order.

On the evidence, his Lordship was satisfied that the defendant had disobeyed the order in a number of respects. If the defendant, who was legally advised, had sought to question the terms or scope of the order he could have come to court to do so. He should not simply have disobeyed it.

The only appropriate way to deal with those breaches was to impose a sentence of imprisonment of three months, which would be suspended for 12 months on condition that the defendant cooperated to the best of his ability with the terms of the court order and assisted in the recovery of the plaintiffs' equipment.

Solicitors: Rowleys & Blewitts, Manchester; Freeth, Cartwright & Stretchley, Nottingham.

Time not limited in safety cases

Kemp v Liebherr-Great Britain Ltd

Before Lord Justice Glidewell and Mr Justice Otton

[Judgment October 22]

There was no time limit for the bringing of prosecutions for offences under section 33(1)(*a*) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held, allowing an appeal by Charles William Kemp, a factories inspector, against the decision of Portsmouth Justices on February 4, 1986, that they had no jurisdiction to hear an information laid by the inspector against Liebherr-Great Britain Ltd because the information had been laid outside the time limit provided by section 34(3) of the 1974 Act.

Section 34(3) provides: "Summary proceedings for an offence to which this subsection applies may be commenced at any time within six months from the date on which there comes to the knowledge of a responsible enforcing authority evidence sufficient in the opinion of that authority to justify a prosecution . . .".

By subsection (4), subsection (3) "applies to any offence under any of the relevant statutory provisions which a person commits by virtue of any provision or requirement to which he is subject as the . . . supplier of any thing; . . .".

Mr Philip Havers for the inspector; Mr Seddon Cripps for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that the information alleged that the defendants had contravened section 6(1)(*a*) of the 1974 Act in that they supplied a telescopic mobile crane which was not, so far as reasonably practicable, so designed and constructed as to be safe when properly used, contrary to section 33(1)(*a*) (failure to discharge a duty under sections 2 to 7).

The justices proceeded summarily at the request of the inspector and with the defendants' consent, but after hearing evidence and submissions, they concluded that they had no jurisdiction because the information had been laid outside the period stipulated in section 34(3).

Counsel for the inspector submitted that by section 33(3), the offence under section 33(1)(*a*) was triable either summarily or on indictment; it was thus an "indictable offence" as defined by section 5 of and the Schedule to the Interpretation Act 1978.

He submitted that in the case of an indictable offence tried summarily, section 127(2) of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 disapplied the six-month time limit for the laying of informations provided by section 127(1) and disapplied "any other enactment, however framed or worded, which would, but for section 127, impose a time limit on the power of a magistrates' court to try an information summarily or impose a limitation on the time for taking summary proceedings".

Therefore, it was said, since the offence in question was triable either way, section 127(2) of the 1980 Act applied and there was no time limit within which to bring the proceedings.

Counsel for the defendants submitted that that approach deprived section 34(3) of all effect since, by virtue of subsection (4), the time limit in section 34(3) could only apply in the case of an offence under section 33(1)(*a*).

However, Mr Havers pointed out that should the secretary of state decide, in accordance with his powers under section 15 of the 1974 Act, to make regulations excluding proceedings on indictment for contravention of the duties imposed by sections 2 to 9, then breach of the duty under section 6(1)(*a*) would become triable only summarily and section 34(3) would bite upon it.

Thus, section 34(3) was not dead but merely sleeping and awaiting the awakening kiss of the secretary of state.

His Lordship accepted Mr Havers' submissions. There was no time limit for the prosecution of the offence.

The appeal would be allowed and the case remitted to the justices for the hearing to be continued.

Mr Justice Otton delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Slaughter & May.

Words in informations

Jones v Thames (John Barrie)

An information which alleged an offence "contrary to section 6(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1972 as amended" would have been more properly worded "contrary to section 6(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1972 as substituted by section 25(3) of the Transport Act 1981" so that the recipient should be clear as to his position.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Mr Justice McNeill) so held on October 21 in allowing an appeal by way of case stated by the prosecutor against the dismissal by the Dolgellau Justices of an information alleging an offence against section 6(1).

Getting to grips: William 'Refrigerator' Perry (right) of the Chicago Bears trades blows with Dennis Harrah, Los Angeles Rams, in Monday's Chicago encounter won by the Rams 20-17

RUGBY UNION

Second shock for Coventry as Rugby snap up Thomas

By Chris Moore

A major row was brewing in the Midlands last night over the Warwickshire flanker, Paul Thomas's "defection" from Coventry to Rugby. Coventry officials admit to being "shocked and stunned" at Thomas's departure, which, according to one official, will "hit Counden Road like a bombshell."

The dust has only recently settled over the loss of Steve Brain, the England hooker, to Rugby earlier in the season. "We all but turned a blind eye to that one," said John Butler, the Coventry press officer. "Obviously we were disappointed to see him go but there was no friction afterwards between the clubs. However, in the light of the present position and latest development, we must reserve the right to review the situation."

Coventry are incensed at both the timing and circumstances surrounding their latest loss. The underlying influence is that he has been "poached." "We certainly received nothing in the way of an official approach from Rugby," Butler said. "To say we are extremely disappointed would be an understatement."

Thomas had been sidelined since the start of the season after suffering a recurrence of the groin injury he sustained in last season's semi-finals of the Thorn-EMI county championship. He returned for Coventry Extras last Saturday and on the strength of that performance, regained his place in the Warwickshire pack for last night's Midland group semi-final against Leicestershire at Counden Road.

Butler added: "I can't say what action, if any, Coventry will take on the matter. But it seems certain the issue will be discussed at committee level. The most disappointing aspect as far as we are concerned is that after being out injured for eight weeks, Thomas made himself available for our second team game last weekend. Then, having proved his form and fitness to the county selectors, he turned up at our next training session to announce he is leaving to join Rugby."

Thomas's recruitment underlines the determination of Rugby, under David Rees, their new millionaire chairman, to put the club on the map. Indeed, after years in the doldrums and of constantly living under the Coventry shadow, they are in the middle of a purple patch which has seen them reel off seven straight wins.

Last night, Rees was adamant that Rugby had not contravened any written or unwritten rules. "To put the record straight, Thomas approached us not the other way round," Rees said.

"I admit that during the close season we are on record as saying there were people here intent on bringing about a resurgence of Rugby RFC. We made no secret of the fact we were on the lookout for new players. Out of season it's perfectly legitimate to approach other players and I admit we did. But Paul Thomas was not one of them.

"He has since come to us and regardless of what anyone else says or thinks, I am perfectly relaxed about it. From our point of view, if he joins us, he will be an exceedingly good capture. But at this moment in time, I am still waiting to hear from Thomas that he has officially resigned at Coventry.

"If and when I do, I will then go through the proper channels of contacting them and requesting clearance for his registration."

Argentina to compete in sevens

Hong Kong, (AFP) — Argentina will return to the Hong Kong international sevens in 1987 after a five-year absence while three other teams will make their debuts in the competition.

The last time the Pumas competed in what is regarded as the unofficial world sevens championship was in 1982, shortly before the Falklands conflict. Announcing the 24 teams for the tournament, to take place on March 28 and 29, Brian Stevenson, chairman of the Hong Kong Rugby Football Union, said yesterday that official clearance had been sought to allow the Argentinians to compete in this British Crown colony.

He said clearance had been given by the Hong Kong Government and the United Kingdom Government through the office of Hong Kong's political advisor.

The newcomers to the Hong Kong sevens will be Spain, The Netherlands and the Welsh Academicals select side. Spain have made significant headway recently, entering the first division of European rugby and beating England on the way to the quarter-finals of the inaugural Sydney sevens tournament earlier this year, while the Dutch have won promotion to the second division in Europe.

The Welsh Academicals will be the only representatives from the British Isles, although Stevenson said that once again the five-nations countries had been asked to send out national sides instead of representative select sides.

He said the Hong Kong organizers were very disappointed with the British and Irish attitude.

Devon are looking for quick return

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Devon, whose halcyon years in the county championship were around the turn of the century, set out on Saturday on the road back to the first division of the Thorn-EMI championship. They suffered relegation last season to the lower pool of the South-West division but will be looking for a morale-boosting victory over Oxfordshire at the County Ground, Exeter.

They have won the county title seven times, but not since 1957, so there is considerable leeway to make up. But they had the encouragement of a 27-9 win over British Police last Thursday and field a side against Oxfordshire showing only one newcomer: Richard Hogan, the Paignton hooker who played against Italy for England Colts last season.

They have the support this season of senior club players from Plymouth Albion whose four representatives include the experienced stand-off half, Livesey, who kicked most of their points against the Police. He is partnered by Lander, the former Coventry scrum half while Widdecombe, the Newport lock, will be a pillar among the tight forwards.

Berkshire, who replaced Devon in the top pool last season, entertain Cornwall at Newbury while Gloucestershire, semi-finalists last season, meet Somerset at Bridgwater. Although none of the Bristol and Bath first-team regulars are available, Somerset can call upon Stanley at scrum half, who is deputy to England's Richard Hill, at Bath. Stanley played on the losing Somerset side in the 1984 final against Gloucestershire.

Somerset's two warm-up games have included one against Dorset and Wiltshire, whose pool two game on Saturday is against Buckinghamshire at the Chiltern club. Under happier circumstances, the combined counties might have played the three O'Loughin brothers from Sherborne in their side but one of them, Dale, who plays at loose-head prop, was taken to Yeovil General Hospital with a severe neck injury sustained in a club game last weekend.

Of his brothers, Glen, plays on the wing against Buckinghamshire and Sean makes his debut at lock along with five other newcomers: McLaughlin (Weymouth) and Handley (Bournemouth) in the centre, Pincock (Wimborne) at prop and Windess, the Bournemouth flanker. The side is led by another Bournemouth player, Marriott, at lock, but does not include more than two players from the unbeaten Salisbury club, Gloag on the wing and Morgan, the Army stand-off half.

The demands of England squad weekends have limited the opportunities to gather the south-west divisional squad, together in preparation for their competition — which begins against the North on December 6 — but among players who have been watched is Colin Laity. He is a centre and may be considered as a partner for Simon Halliday, the Bath and England player, in the divisional side now that John Palmer, Halliday's club colleague, has retired from international and divisional games. That would allow the divisional selectors to consider Ralph Knibbs, the Bristol centre, on the left wing.

Morrow loses his place

By George Ace

Philip Matthews is beyond doubt the finest blind side wing forward in Ireland and if a British Lions side were to be named tonight, it is a near certainty he would claim the No. 6 jersey. Matthews plays at No. 8 for Ulster against Connacht at Ravenhill on Saturday at the expense of David Morrow, the outstanding back row forward in the recent Munster-Ulster clash in Cork and arguably the best ball-playing No. 8 in Ireland.

The only other change from the team that defeated Munster 17-6 is Bill Harbinson in the centre for the international, John Hewitt.

Colin Deane retains the outside half spot for Connacht and Liam Mulcahy replaces Derek Holland in the centre. Brian Cantrell, the Waterpark wing, has withdrawn owing to injury and is replaced by Colin Hitchcock. Joe Daly, at centre, faces a fitness test later this week after sustaining a neck injury.

Ciaran Fitzgerald, the deposed Ireland captain, will lead the side and the former British Lion John O'Driscoll, is also included. Both missed the recent game against Leinster in Galway.

The Irish Rugby Football Union is appreciative of the sponsorship provided for the provincial series, known officially as the Dry Blackthorn inter-provincial championship.

ULSTER: (v Connacht, Ravenhill, November 8): P Rainey (Ballymena); T Ringland (Ballymena), D Irwin (Instonians, capt), W Harbinson (Malone), K Crossan (Instonians); I Brown (Malone), H Brady (Ballymena); P Millar (Ballymena), J McDonald (Malone), J McCoy (Bangor), W Duncan (Malone), W Anderson (Dungannon), C Morrison (Malone), N Carr (Ards), P Matthews (Wanderers).

CONNACHT: H O'Toole (Corinthians); B Burke (Waterpark), J Daly (Corinthians), L Mulcahy (Terenure), C Hitchcock (Galwegians); C Deane (Wanderers), C McCarthy (UCG); T Cleary (Lansdowne), C Fitzgerald (St Mary's, capt), M McCleary (Old Belvedere), M Fitzgibbon (Dublin Univ), M Tarpey (St Mary's), M Mayfield (Shannon), J O'Driscoll (London Irish), N Mannion (Corinthians).

Davis back to strengthen Staffs' hopes

Mark Davis, the Lichfield hooker, who missed Staffordshire's last game — against East Midlands a fortnight ago — because of injury, returns to the county side against North Midlands at Burton this evening in the second of the Midlands divisional play-offs in the Thorn EMI county championship (David Hands writes).

Davis is one of seven representatives from the unbeaten Lichfield club, though five of them are in the backs. Stafford provide half the pack in a side led by Robson, of Moseley.

North Midlands, too, are led from scrum-half by Page, the former England player.

The winners of tonight's game will meet the winners of last night's match between Warwickshire and Leicestershire for the Midlands title on November 19.

YACHTING

Blackaller is blown apart by a Kiss

From Keith Wheatley
Fremantle

On a day when White Crusader snatched an epic victory from Canada II, the other big fight-back — but without a fairy-tale ending — was between French Kiss and USA.

At the first windward mark, the plain grey yacht from the Cote d'Azur was 2mins 25 secs ahead of Tom Blackaller, and French Kiss kept the lead for six legs in a breeze that freshened to 14 knots.

As the wind got up, the radical USA lengthened her stride to close the gap, but she was still 44 secs behind at the finish — a big disappointment for Blackaller, who had started the week on such a roll, having beaten Dennis Conner, aboard Stars and Stripes.

Blackaller revealed earlier that he had not cut loose a trailing genoa — because the syndicate could not afford to lose a $15,000 sail — and had thus lost Monday's race against Eagle.

Eagle suffered a major defeat by being beaten by more than three minutes by New Zealand. The team from Southern California had warned before the round robin that, unless they did better than in October, they were probably bound for home.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

White Crusader (GB) bt Canada II (Can) by 0.29sec
French Kiss (Fr) bt USA (US) by 44 secs
Stars and Stripes (US) bt Challenge France (Fr) by 4min 51sec
America II (US) bt Azzurra (It) by 1min 30sec
New Zealand (NZ) bt Eagle (US) by 3min 42sec

STANDINGS

Challenger series table
After third race, third round

	W	L	Pts
America II (US)	14	1	28
New Zealand (NZ)	14	1	28
White Crusader (GB)	11	4	22
Italia (It)	9	6	17
Stars and Stripes (US)	12	3	16
French Kiss (Fr)	7	8	15
USA (US)	9	6	13
Canada II (Can)	7	8	11
Eagle (US)	5	10	9
Heart of America (US)	4	11	8
Challenge France (Fr)	2	13	2
Azzurra (It)	1	14	1

(First round robin 1pt, second round robin 8pt, third round robin 12pt)

TODAY'S RACES

White Crusader v America II; Italia v Canada II; Stars and Stripes v Heart of America; Azzurra v USA; Eagle v Challenge France; French Kiss v New Zealand

MOD PENTATHLON

Smoothing the road to Seoul

By Michael Coleman

The training grants of £6,000 each to Richard Phelps and Dominic Mahony, awarded this week by the Minet insurance group as build-up for the Seoul Olympics, come as a financial and psychological boost not only for the two athletes concerned but for all others in the sport, competitors and officials alike.

For a sport which the media largely ignores and whose spectators are largely relatives, friends and reserves, such generosity is overwhelming. Someone out there actually cares.

Phelps, fourth at the 1984 Olympics but out of contention in the big contests since, could hardly believe his luck when told of the windfall. "This is really helpful and just what I wanted," he said. "I'd gone back to full time work and meant to continue like this until next March, cutting my training down to swimming twice a week and running five days — not the way to become a Seoul contender."

For Mahony, new on the senior scene and one of the brightest prospects in years, the award comes at a time when he has just graduated from the London School of Economics and got back into his Life Guards officer's uniform. From now on it can be all physical and less mental.

Both face another heavy season of travelling abroad for competition, lack of funds again confining domestic events to the minimum. Only one international contest will be at home, at the Crystal Palace Sports Centre, but it cannot be in the five-day formula as now demanded by the sport's governing body, the UIPMB. It is unlikely, therefore, to draw the top men looking for world qualification marks.

The UIPMB itself is grappling with what might develop into a most embarrassing drugs scandal concerning the world championships held in Montecatini Terme, Italy, last August. As many as a dozen competitors, I now learn, gave positive responses to the dope tests. Since the leading three in each contest, plus others at random, are subjected to the drug checks, it can be assumed top names are involved.

The UIPMB executive meets in Stockholm on November 28 to hear evidence, listen to excuses and administer penalties, if necessary. For the medal-deprived British, who up to now regard themselves as a cut above the drug fiddlers and blood dopers, the UIPMB's handling of this matter will prove illuminating.

Doyle's third

Grenoble (AFP) — A storming attack by the cyclist Tony Doyle 20 minutes before the end of the Grenoble Six gave the Briton and his Italian partner, Francesco Moser, victory here on Monday night. They stole a lap from the Franco/Danish team of Bernard Vallet/Gert Frank who had stacked up more points. It was Doyle's third six-day win since the season began.

RACING: COMPETITIVE LINE-UP FOR NEWBURY HURDLE

Ten Plus to earn full marks again

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

With Ten Plus, Bronski, Atrabates, Ibn Majed and Mrs Muck, all standing their ground at Newbury today for the Tom Masson Trophy we are assured of the most interesting hurdle race so far this autumn.

Bronski will be as hard as nails as he has had two races already. But fitness should not be a factor as far as Ten Plus and Atrabates are concerned as they both won first time out last season: Ten Plus at Warwick; Atrabates at Hereford.

Ten Plus went on to win his three other races which were all at Cheltenham while Atrabates also kept her unbeaten record intact when visiting Worcester, Newbury and Cheltenham.

What is significant is that on one occasion they both beat a horse from Jenny Pitman's stable, Timely Star. Ten Plus beat Timely Star at Worcester where he gave him 4lb and a 12-length drubbing, while at Cheltenham Atrabates gave the same horse 7lb and a two-length beating.

That suggests Ten Plus ought to be capable of giving Atrabates 5lb now and he is my nap.

Ten Plus reserved his best performance of the season appropriately for the National Hunt Festival at Cheltenham where he galloped his rivals into the ground in the the Sun Alliance Hurdle. He scored by 15 lengths from Pike's Peak who was to pay him a fine tribute afterwards by winning valuable races at Newbury and Ascot.

In the Sun Alliance Hurdle Ibn Majed was among those who finished in the ruck. As the winner of his three previous races at Uttoxeter, Doncaster and Ascot he was clearly capable of better.

He should run well again this afternoon following that quite promising run on the Flat in the Cesarewitch which will have put an edge on him. But I still much prefer Ten Plus.

Indeed, at the weights Mrs Muck could easily be much more of a danger because I know that her owner-trainer Nigel Twiston-Davies has taken her to a race course twice in the last month just to ensure that lack of fitness does not bring about her downfall on this occasion.

However, it is pertinent to point out that Mrs Muck has, not inappropriately for one with her name, run her best races when there has been plenty of mud flying about.

The going, on the other hand, was perfect when Ten Plus scored that resounding triumph at Cheltenham in March. With identical conditions underfoot likely this afternoon, the stage looks all set for Fulke Walwyn's nice six-year-old to resume where he left off on a winning note.

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Otherwise, it should pay to follow Richard Dunwoody as well as the man he succeeded as David Nicholson's first jockey, Peter Scudamore.

Dunwoody appears to have an excellent chance of landing a double on the recent winner's **Burnt Oak** (1.15) and **Voice Of Progress** (1.45) while Scudamore can counter by doing likewise on **Pucks Place** (12.45) and **Ulan Bator** (2.45).

Pucks Place was a horse who very much took my eye last season the twice I saw him in action, at Sandown and Newbury. Now I expect to see him go really well in the EBF Novices' Hurdle Qualifier especially as Fred Winter has agreed to let Scudamore off riding Canford Palm.

Ulan Bator, my selection for the Cokethorpe Novices' Chase, finally got his act together when he won at Wincanton last Thursday after a series of frustrating performances in similar races last season.

A clear round will have done his confidence no end of good and I believe that he can build on that and go on to even better things.

Those whose judgment is governed by a coincidence will be quick to seize upon the fact that Fireworks Night is running against Ulan Bator on this of all days.

Well that he is expected to go, my information is still that trainer Nicky Henderson's best chance of visiting the winner's enclosure this afternoon will be after Scaliscro has contested the bumper (the EBF National Hunt Flat race.)

Apparently, this half brother to that good young chaser Rentaghost, has been showing a lot of promise in his homework.

The blinkered At Talaq storming clear under Michael Clarke's strong driving in yesterday's Melbourne Cup

NEWBURY

Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Pucks Place.
1.15 Burnt Oak.
1.45 Voice Of Progress.
2.15 TEN PLUS (nap).
2.45 Ulan Bator.
3.15 Problem Child.
3.45 Scaliscro.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.15 Ten Plus.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.

Going: good

12.45 E B F NOVICE HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,059: 2m 100yd) (22 runners)

102 P-0 ADMIRABLE CRICHTON (Major R Thoman) D Elsworth 6-11-0 ..... C Brown — —
103 CANFORD PALM (Mrs M Cobham) F Winter 5-11-0 ..... B de Haan — 11-2
104 080- COMTYN LEGEND (Mrs E Boucher) J Gifford 5-11-0 ..... R Rowe — —
105 CONDICOTE BOY (D Sanger) D Nicholson 5-11-0 ..... R J Beggan — —
106 DANISH CHIEF (H Joel) A Turnell 5-11-0 ..... Steve Knight — —
108 30 GENERAL BEE (Mrs P W Harris) P W Harris 4-11-0 ..... R Strange — —
110 GREY GENERAL (J Scobie) M Oliver 5-11-0 ..... J Duggan — —
111 0- HANSEL'S RUN (R Hannen) Miss E Sneyd 5-11-0 ..... — —
112 0/ MAJESTIC BUCK (D Peake) C Holmes 6-11-0 ..... A Jones — —
113 MIDNIGHT TRAIN (L Oberstein) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0 ..... M Pitman — 8-1
114 PHAROAH'S LAEN (T Johnsey) J Francome 5-11-0 ..... — —
116 0404P- PROVERITY (Mrs P Shaw) J Edwards 5-11-0 ..... — 66 —
117 00- PUCKS PLACE (J Bettrage) N Gaselee 5-11-0 ..... P Scudamore 90 7-2
118 3- ROBIN GOODFELLOW (Miss B Swire) G Balding 5-11-0 ..... G Bradley 99 F2-1
119 2 ROYAL GREEK (J Renton) Mrs M Dickinson 4-11-0 ..... J D Davies (7) — 9-2
120 03- ROYAL HERO (Mrs F Bowden) P Bowden 5-11-0 ..... G Morgan (7) 84 —
123 0000- SOUTHERN HERMIT (Miss N Carroll) R Armytage 6-11-0 ..... S Powell — —
124 SUNDEAM TALBOT (Mrs R Lagoda) R Armytage 5-11-0 ..... Mr M Armytage (7) — —
125 YELLOW CARD (A Armitage) D Nicholson 5-11-0 ..... R Dunwoody — 10-1
128 30- CELTIC CYGNET (David Timothy Ltd) Mrs M Rimell 5-10-9 ..... S Morshead 88 13-1
129 HIGHER STILL (W Bland) W Kemp 4-10-9 ..... S Shilston — —
130 TELLING TALES (P Gwyn) R Holder 4-10-9 ..... N Coleman — —

1985: HIMSELFALAS LAD 4-10-5 H Jenkins (4-7 fav) J Jenkins 4 ran

1.15 LIONEL VICK MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,981: 3m) (7 runners)

201 30/4PFF- TRACY'S SPECIAL (D) (L Ames) A Turnell 9-12-1 ..... Steve Knight — 10-1
202 0/0411P- KNOCK HILL (CD) (P Thompson) J Webber 10-11-7 ..... G Mernagh 89 5-1
203 F/240-41 BURNT OAK (CD) (Brig C Harvey) D Nicholson 10-10-13 (6ex) ..... R Dunwoody 85 F3-1
204 2-04120 LEODEGRANCE (Miss K Bernard) L Kennard 10-10-12 ..... R Rowe 94 9-2
206 023111- RONALDS CAROLE (D) (Miss N Carroll) R Armytage 6-10-4 ..... S Powell 94 4-1
207 08-02P HELLO KILLNEY (B,BF) (P Madigan) J Jenkins 9-10-0 ..... J White 91 6-1
208 012144- MG STEEL (R Robbins) P Cundell 6-10-0 ..... A Gorman 86 12-1

1985: FLAMENCO DANCER 11-10-0 M Kinane (5-2) R O'Sullivan 3 ran

FORM TRACY'S SPECIAL (10-6) fell at the 9th in the Grand National when KNOCK HILL (10-1) was pulled up. KNOCK HILL (10-5) had previously beaten Port Askaig (10-5) ¾l at Warwick (4m 1f, 22271, good, Jan 18, 15 ran). Front-runner BURNT OAK (11-7) beat Ferocious Knight (10-11) 4l at Wincanton (3m 1f, £4021, good, Oct 30, 7 ran). LEODEGRANCE, 5th last time (3m), earlier (11-8) held on by 1l from Gratification (11-8) at Stratford (2m 6f, £2283, firm, Sept 6, 8 ran). RONALDS CAROLE, successful over 2m 5f final start, (11-8) had scored a 4l Huntingdon win over Bridgtown Girl (10-10) (3m 100yds, £1671, good, Mar 28, 15 ran).
Selection: BURNT OAK

1.45 MARSH DENHAM HANDICAP CHASE (£3,211: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

302 4014F-1 VOICE OF PROGRESS (CD) (M Vestey) D Nicholson 9-12-2 (7ex) ..... R Dunwoody 92 F5-4
304 3P/2444- ARDENT SPY (G Taylor) R Armytage 9-10-12 ..... S Powell 89 14-1
305 021F3-0 MALYA MAL (BF) (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) F Winter 7-10-8 ..... P Scudamore 84 13-2
306 F/P1P14- BELGROVE LAD (CD) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 8-10-7 ..... H Davies 87 10-1
307 3032-33 PREMIER CHARLIE (D) (F Lipscomb) M Hinchliffe 8-10-2 ..... R J Beggan 89 8-1
308 162F3-3 OYSTER POND (D,BF) (K Martin Clarke) M McCourt 9-10-0 ..... L Harvey (4) 84 9-2
311 43214F- ROLL-A-JOINT (D) (M Kingsley) G Thorner 8-10-0 ..... C Brown 88 16-1

1985: WILY YEOMAN 6-11-11 R Rowe (11-10) J Gifford 3 ran

FORM VOICE OF PROGRESS (10-11) was an easy winner first time out over course and distance, beating W SixTimes (10-7) 12l (£5980, good, Oct 24, 7 ran). ARDENT SPY (10-7) put up his best effort when 5½l 4th to Gold Cup 4th Run And Skip (11-1) at Sandown (3m 5f 18yds, £10384, soft, Jan 4, 8 ran). BELGROVE LAD (11-3) beat Echo Sounder (10-2) 2l here over today's distance in March last season (£3007, good, 8 ran). PREMIER CHARLIE (10-8) was 4½l 3rd to Golden Friend (11-13) at Cheltenham last time (2m 4f, £4760, good to firm, Oct 22, 7 ran) with MALYA MAL (11-1) 1½l back in 5th. Last season MALYA MAL (11-03) put up his best performance in defeat when a 12l 2nd to Pearlyman (11-13) at Liverpool (2m, £5348, good, Apr 4, 10 ran).
Selection: BELGROVE LAD

2.15 TOM MASSON TROPHY HURDLE (£3,258: 2m 4f 120yd) (9 runners)

401 20/1111- TEN PLUS (L Thwaites) F Walwyn 6-11-8 ..... K Mooney 9 88 F5-4
402 0000-13 BRONSKI (P McVeigh) J Jenkins 5-11-4 ..... J White 85 13-2
403 20/1111- ATRABATES (CD) (Atrabates Cricket Club) C Sherwood 6-11-3 ..... S Sherwood 90 3-1
404 P1110- IBN MAJED (P O'Donnell) C Spares 4-11-2 ..... J McLaughlin 87 8-1
408 9P1101- MRS MUCK (N Twiston Davies) N Twiston Davies 5-10-13 ..... P Scudamore 94 9-2
409 312214- JIMMY LORENZO (J de Mestre) P Hedger 4-10-12 ..... P Corrigan 87 —
411 4P- DETROIT SAM (A Sofroniou) R Akehurst 5-10-9 ..... R Dunwoody — —
412 0P/000-3 FLEXIBLE FRIEND (G Darby) J Fox 6-10-9 ..... S Moore 65 —
417 033-21F LADY FIREPOWER (BF) (R Nightingale) R Holder 4-10-2 ..... N Coleman 87 12-1

1985: MARSAU ROYALE 5-10-4 B McCourt Mrs M Tikwill Walford over

FORM TEN PLUS (11-7) was an impressive 15l winner of the Sun Alliance at the Cheltenham Festival (2m 4f, £23280, good, Mar 12, 28 ran) from Pike's Peak (11-07) with IBN MAJED (10-12) well beaten after being prominent early. Previously front-running IBN MAJED (11-7) proved himself a top flight juvenile beating Troy Fair (11-0) a length at Ascot (2m 4f, £2236, good to soft, Jan 10, 9 ran). BRONSKI (11-5) has a fitness advantage having run Aonoch (11-12) to 3l at Stratford (2m 6f, £2149, good, Oct 18, 7 ran). ATRABATES (11-7) improved throughout last season and ended it with a 2l victory over Timely Star (11-0) at Cheltenham in the Maiden Timber Final (2m, £10702, heavy, Apr 16, 19 ran). MRS MUCK (11-4) quickened nicely to beat The Clown (11-4) 2½l at Newcastle (2m 4f, £3043, good, May 17, 18 ran). JIMMY LORENZO (11-7) was a comfortable 7l winner of a Huntingdon Handicap Hurdle (2m 200yds, £1705, soft, Mar 31, 5 ran). FLEXIBLE FRIEND (10-0) ran on at the death when 4l 3rd to Amadis at Worcester (2m, £1583, good, Oct 25, 20 ran) last time.
Selection: TEN PLUS

2.45 COKETHORPE NOVICE CHASE (£2,477: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

502 FFPF2-1 ULAN BATOR (Mrs O Jackson) F Winter 9-11-5 ..... P Scudamore 9 88 F5-4
503 0003-2 ACE OF SPIES (BF) (A Jackson) Mrs G E Jones 5-11-0 ..... J Bryan 90 8-1
505 00/6240- BALLYTRENT (Mrs G McKey) M Oliver 6-11-0 ..... R Dunwoody — —
507 4300/ COUNT FREDERICK (J Woolgar) S Dow 6-11-0 ..... R Guest (7) — —
508 20/22F0- DICTIVE (A Wilson) R Armytage 9-11-0 ..... S Powell 87 8-1
509 00- FIREWORKS NIGHT (J Rose) N Henderson 7-11-0 ..... S Smith Eccles — 8-1
517 00/233-0 GASOOF (Mrs G McBride) W Kemp 5-11-0 ..... C Seward — —
518 423332 KAMAG (D Holly) D Holly 8-11-0 ..... Mr P Hamer 80 10-1
517 P403- SWORD PLAY (Mrs D Kent) P Haynes 6-11-0 ..... A Webb — —

1985: RHYTHMIC PASTIMES 5-11-5 S Smith Eccles (8-1) J Jenkins 5 ran

FORM ULAN BATOR (11-4) lost ground at the start and hit the last, but still beat Jimmy Quickit (13-0) 4l at Wincanton (2m 5f, £1852, good, Oct 30, 17 ran). ACE OF SPIES (11-0) had his first run over fences when 10l 2nd to Long Engagement (11-8) at Worcester (2m, £1307, good, oct 25, 13 ran). BALLYTRENT'S best run over hurdles last season was a head 2nd (10-12) to Bronski (11-8) at Wolverhampton (2m 4f, £2192, good to firm, Nov 25, 15 ran). DICTIVE, a faller in Cheltenham's Sun Alliance (3m), was previously (11-3) 13l 2nd to Oregan Trail (11-3) over 2m at Lingfield (2m, £1803, heavy, Jan 18, 17 ran). KAMAG (11-6) 10l 2nd of 5 to Sam De Vinel (11-10) at Cheltenham (3m, £3093, firm, Oct 9).
Selection: ULAN BATOR

3.15 COLD ASH NOVICE HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,417: 2m 100yd) (15 runners)

601 1 PROBLEM CHILD (Lord McAlpine) R Smyth 11-6 ..... Dale McKeown (7) — F7-4
603 8 CHATTERSPARK (D Hoskins) S Dow 11-0 ..... G Bradley — —
604 8 DUFF (J Joseph) D Elsworth 11-0 ..... C Brown — 8-1
606 FF FREE HAND (S Rossini) B Palling 11-0 ..... G Evans (4) — —
607 2 HANKLEY DOWN (Nubwood Publicity Ltd) R Hannon 11-0 ..... P Scudamore — 3-1
611 32 MATBAR (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 11-0 ..... M Perrett — 7-2
612 MYSTERY CLOCK (B) (Miss K Townsend) P Bailey 11-0 ..... B Mansfield — —
613 00 RAVELSTON (Mrs M Bowden) J Honeyball 11-0 ..... L Harvey (4) — —
614 30 RICMAR (B) (Miss W Haward) J Jenkins 11-0 ..... G Sherwood — 8-1
615 00 RIVERS NEPHEW (Major N Hambro) L Kennard 11-0 ..... B Powell — —
616 RUPERT BROOKE (K Mang) I Cox 11-0 ..... N Dalton — —
617 RUSSKI (Danebury Racing) K Cunningham-Brown 11-0 ..... A Webb — —
618 0 STORMGUARD (H Joel) A Turnell 11-0 ..... Steve Knight — 14-1
619 GRECIAN BUST (D Hodges) P Makin 10-9 ..... G Charles Jones — —
620 0 POPTHORN (T Thorn) J Bridger 10-9 ..... G Moore — —

1985: GODFATHER'S GIFT 11-0 S Smith Eccles (7-4 fav) J Jenkins 10 ran

3.45 E B F NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,187: 2m 100yd) (25 runners)

1 1 LE CAROTTE (Mrs J May) P Hobbs 4-11-7 ..... L Harvey (4) — F5-2
6 BILL BA-BOO (P Carter) J Old 4-11-0 ..... C Llewellyn (7) — —
8 BROWN WINDSOR (W Shand Kydd) N Henderson 4-11-0 ..... M Bradley (4) — 12-1
11 CHANCELLORSVILLE (Mrs P W Harris) P W Harris 4-11-0 ..... D Bergin (7) — —
12 CHEEKY KNIGHT (C Clarke) J Gifford 5-11-0 ..... Mr D Baker (7) — 14-1
13 CHEROY (B Tindall) S Mellor 4-11-0 ..... Mr G Jones (7) — 8-1
15 FAIR DANIEL (P Scammell) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0 ..... S Selby (7) — 10-1
19 GODIVA BEARINGS (Godiva Bearings) J Fox 4-11-0 ..... M Hunter (7) — —
23 HONEYMEAD MEAD (Exors Mrs J Thorne) Miss J Thorne 4-11-0 ..... J Hurst (7) — —
26 KARAZONA (Mrs S Oliver) Mrs S Oliver 5-11-0 ..... Jengal Oliver (7) — —
28 KING'S KESTREL (R Kerslake) M Pipe 4-11-0 ..... J Lower — —
33 MR KATS (Mrs P Hamilton) A Moore 5-11-0 ..... Candy Moore (7) — —
35 MY HELMSMAN (G Hubbard) J Gifford 5-11-0 ..... S Neighbour (7) — —
37 NORTHERN GAMBLER (T Hemmings) S Mellor 4-11-0 ..... G Lanigan (4) — —
41 RANDOLPH PLACE (Edinburgh Woollen Mill) G Richards 5-11-0 ..... J R Quinn (7) — 5-1
42 RANDOM TRAVELLER (A Phelps) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0 ..... J Smith (7) — 10-1
46 SAMSUN (Maj G Rodwell) J Webber 4-11-0 ..... Miss J Henry — —
47 SCALISCRO (J Mackenzie) N Henderson 5-11-0 ..... N Rayner (7) — 13-2
55 WAR DANCER (Mrs J M-Smith) D Murray-Smith 4-11-0 ..... S Sultanah (7) — 9-1
60 DIAITY LASS (P Easterby-Powell) K Bishop 4-10-9 ..... A McCrorie (7) — —
61 CRAWTERS BOY (B Stevens) R Shepherd 5-10-9 ..... Mrs C Smallman — —
66 OFFSHORE GIRL (J Rubica) G Roe 4-10-9 ..... P McDermott (7) — —
70 PIPPAHMINT LASS (H Shouler) D Nicholson 4-10-9 ..... Mr D Jones (7) — —
71 SLEEPLINE SIESTA (Sleepline Holdings) R Holder 4-10-9 ..... W McFarland (7) — —
72 TIKKI LADY (Mrs J Barrow) Mrs J Barrow 4-10-9 ..... Miss C Fairey (7) — —

1985: No Corresponding race

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
T Forster	17	54	31.4
R Smyth	6	18	26.3
F Winter	47	190	24.7
G Sherwood	5	21	23.8
D Nicholson	31	149	20.8
J Jenkins	13	68	19.1

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S Sherwood	8	32	25.0
P Scudamore	39	185	21.1
H Davies	25	124	20.9
S Smith Eccles	19	128	14.8
R Rowe	17	142	12.0
B de Haan	6	57	10.5

Arab influence spreading as At Talaq triumphs in Australian showpiece

From Charles Benson, Melbourne

At Talaq probably changed the course of Australian racing history when winning the Melbourne Cup yesterday.

For not only did At Talaq, a 10-1 chance, successfully carry the colours of Sheikh Hamdan, only the second horse to run here representing the ruling family of Dubai, but he proved that an American pedigree and an extensive European racing programme is no bar to success in Australia.

Now that At Talaq has won the big one — worth $AUS650,000 (£368,057) plus the trophies — he should unlock the floodgates and let in the Arabs wholesale. For there was massive enthusiasm here for the success of a man who is almost totally unknown, a mystery even if he and his brothers are regular features of the British racing scene.

Perhaps, the nicest thing about At Talaq's victory was that he represented the incredibly popular trainer Colin Hayes, successful only once previously in this national event with Beldale Ball in 1980. Hayes is the top trainer in Victoria and South Australia and, year after year, topped the winning tables in these two states.

But, in spite of his superb record, which has made him something of a national hero, he remains untouched by the adulation in which he is held and is, quite simply, a very nice man and a very modest one.

So it was equally appropriate that the winning jockey, 24-year-old Michael Clarke, should have bided his time as deputy and understudy to two local champions, Brent Thomson and Darren Gauchi.

Learning under Thomson, now a successful jockey riding in England, was fair enough. But then deputizing for Gauchi, still an apprentice, was harder to bear. But Clarke bore it all philosophically, though he admitted last night: "I don't deny it was a little hard on occasions. But I knew I was working for the best stable in Australia and my time would come."

Not an attitude matched by many of our more impatient young sports stars these days but one that bore fruit exactly a year ago when Gauchi left during the middle of the Melbourne Cup carnival 12 months ago. So Clarke, the understudy, came forward and has become the top man in Melbourne and a very polished rider.

Hayes, amid the euphoria which surrounds a Melbourne Cup winner, had mixed feelings. He was happy but it brought back bitter-sweet memories. For in this very race back in 1979, the best horse he ever trained, the 1978 Victoria Derby winner, Dulcify, was killed. And even winning the race 12 months later with Beldale Ball for Rogert Sangster, did not entirely heal that sadness.

Most Australians among the near 100,000 crowd yesterday hoped to see the mysterious figure of Sheikh Hamdan. But he was attending a heads of state conference in Abu Dhabi and could not be there.

However, he and his brothers had arranged for a live transmission of the race to be beamed in. A great sportsman — he loves shooting and stalking though he is a great conservationist — he will be comparing At Talaq, fourth in the 1984 Derby, with his favourite camel Petrol.

As for the others in the Melbourne Cup, it was virtually no contest, even though the winning distances were only a long neck and a neck from the 58-1 chance Rising Fear and Sea Legend.

It may have sounded close but the winner always had matters in hand. He is rated down here as a six-year-old but in fact he is only five in all logic, having been awarded by the Australians a second birthday this year on August 1, the date when all horses in the southern hemisphere progress by one year.

The most dramatic run of the beaten horses was put up by the 1983 winner Kiwi, now nine years old, who came with his customary flashing late run to be close up fourth, only to break down and finish hopping lame.

But this national event, enjoyed as a holiday by so many in Australia, was successful as ever, a dramatic coup for the sponsors, Foster's Lager, who put up a million local dollars, and who are now basking in a major media hype.

The parties in the car parks started before 8.0 in the morning and were still going strong into Wednesday. It was a wonderful, hot, sunny, windy day, appropriate for the occasion when the arabs hit Australia. Where will it finish?

Big-race result

Going: Good

3.41 (2m): 1, AT TALAQ (M Clarke 10-1); 2, Rising Fear (R Skelton 50-1); 3, Sea Legend (R Dye 20-1); 4, Kiwi (N Harris 10-1). Also ran: Empire Rose (5th), My Tristram's Belle (6th), Reckless Tradition, Mr Lomondy, Joal, Born To Be Queen, Mint Master, Fil de Roi, Our Sophia, Enchanteur, Black Knight, Indian Raj, Just Now, Samasaan, Fordyce, Final Advance, Waratah Bay, Dark Intruder. 22 ran. NR: Foessel, The Albert. Long nk, nk. C.Hayes. 3m 21.7s. TOTE: (to a 50c stake) $AUS 4.35; 1.60, 6.40, 4.05 DF 122.90.

WOLVERHAMPTON

Selections

By Mandarin

1.30 Aconitum. 2.0 Chalet Waldegg. 2.30 Franciscus. 3.0 Emmason. 3.30 Sweet Solicitor. 4.0 Unihoc.

Going: firm: good, back straight

1.30 SHIFNAL NOVICE HURDLE (£1,249: 2m) (12 runners)

1 -120 ERIC'S MAN B Preece 6-11-5 ..... T Wall
4 ACONITUM O Sherwood 5-10-12 ..... C Cox (4)
9 DOWJAK Mrs M Rimell 5-10-12 ..... G McCourt
10 PP/ DUART J Spearing 6-10-12 ..... P Dwyer
14 0P/ HEIGHT OF SUMMER D Arbuthnot 5-10-12 ..... D Browne
15 6/0- HELLO GYPSY C Tinkler 5-10-12 ..... M Dwyer
16 HIGH BRIDGE B Cambidge 7-10-12 ..... Mr J Cambidge (4)
17 JUST SMOKEY W Morris 4-10-12 ..... W Morris
22 NEW FOREST LAD Mrs J Pitman 4-10-12 ..... C Mann
26 P- SIBERIAN DANCER P Felgate 5-10-12 ..... S Johnson
32 24-3 SPANISH REEL J Edwards 4-10-12 ..... P Barton
38 0-3 LADY CATCHER J Bosley 4-10-7 ..... M Bosley (4)

5-2 Aconitum, 3-1 Height of Summer, 7-2 Hello Gypsy.

2.0 TOWER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICE HURDLE (£855: 2m 4f) (12)

2 0-12 CHALET WALDEGG (7)(BF) D Gandolfo 5-10-13 ..... T Wolley (7)
9 0 EROSTIN RULER T Casey 5-10-12 ..... E Buckley
10 00-0 GOODWAY SHANDY J Young 7-10-12 ..... —
11 /PP- HAPPY HERO (B) C Lee 8-10-12 ..... K Ryan
12 LORENZO LOO (B Smart) 10-10-12 ..... C Llewellyn (7)
16 0P0 RICCO STAR (B) J Bradley 4-10-12 ..... D Tegg (7)
17 P- RUSTY RAILS M W Davies 4-10-12 ..... J Brome (7)
18 P-P0 SIRUNDY R Curtis 5-10-12 ..... M Hood
19 42-4 SMITHY BEAR R Dickin 4-10-12 ..... W Humphreys (7)
21 0043 TRACK MARSHALL D L Williams 4-10-12 D Gardner (7)
25 000- STIPERSTEEN T Bailey 6-10-7 ..... B Dowling
26 0PP- SURELY A James 6-10-7 ..... C Warren

11-6 Chalet Waldegg, 3-1 Smithy Bear, 4-1 Track Marshall.

2.30 RACING POST HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,934: 2m) (18)

1 -223 LIFE GUARD (CD) S Harris 5-11-13 ..... J Harris
2 30-F MR DIBBS (D)(BF) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-10 ..... G McCourt
5 1113 AL-ALAM (D)(BF) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-11-4 ..... M Dwyer
8 100B ASMID (D) Mrs J Chadwick 7-11-1 ..... M Bastard
10 0-00 TAGIO (D) M Tate 6-11-0 ..... —
13 1311 SNAKE RIVER (D) F Jordan 4-10-10 (7ex) ..... C Smith
14 24-0 TIPTONIAN (D) T Taylor 7-10-8 ..... W Morris
15 P010 SHADY LEGACY (D) R Morris 5-10-8 (7ex) ..... Miss L Wallace (7)
17 000- ORARION (D) C Tristine 4-10-7 ..... J Suthern
18 000- CRUDEN BAY (CD) P Felgate 6-10-7 ..... S Johnson
19 0011 FRANCISCUS (D) C Vernon Miller 9-10-7 ..... Miss T Davis (7)
20 00P- DERWENT KING (CD) Mrs J Croft 9-10-5 ..... W Humphreys (7)
21 00-4 ENSIGNS KIT A Brisbourne 11-10-5 ..... M Brisbourne
22 2-40 SAINT DUMASSOFF (B) (D) J Bradley 7-10-2 ..... G Davies
23 -112 RISING SOVEREIGN (D) J Parfitt 6-10-1 (10ex) ..... M Abbara (4)
24 /44- MAIBORIA M Barraclough 7-10-0 ..... P Dwyer
26 P000- AESCULAPIUS (D) R Juckes 5-10-0 ..... T Wall
27 0P0- WHAT WILL I WEAR (D) R Spicer 8-10-0 ..... S Keightley

7-2 Rising Sovereign, 4-1 Shady Legacy, Al-Alam, 13-2 Ensigns Kit, 7-1 Mr Dibbs, 12-1 Asmid.

3.0 CHARLECOTE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,250: 2m 4f) (7)

3 P4-P EMMASON (C-D) J Spearing 11-11-7 ..... P Dwyer
7 40-1 SIR BADSWORTH T Laxton 8-11-0 ..... R Earnshaw
8 421- COLE PORTER (D) M Banks 11-10-11 ..... G McCourt
11 204- BAYHAM SIR VARDON G Graham 12-10-8 R Goldstein
13 31-F MASTER MELODY (D) W Hackett 15-10-8 ..... K Ryan (7)
20 40P- WOODBURGH J Bosley 8-10-0 ..... M Bosley (4)
21 4040 CITADEL ROC (B) J Bradley 11-10-0 ..... G Davies

3-1 Bayham Sir Vardon, 100-30 Sir Badsworth, 4-1 Master Melody, 9-2 Cole Porter, 8-1 Emmason, 16-1 Citadel Roc.

3.30 MOSELEY NOVICE CHASE (£1,464: 3m 1f) (4)

2 U423 SWEET SOLICITOR (B) J King 7-11-3 ..... S Mitchell
3 20F- BACOLOG J Dalton 6-10-12 ..... M Bosley (4)
10 4F0- JON PIPER B Morgan 8-10-12 ..... G Williams
13 00-0 ROY'S HOUSE E Jones 6-10-12 ..... S J O'Neill

5-4 Sweet Solicitor, 11-8 Bacolog, 13-2 Roy's House, 10-1 Jon Piper.

4.0 CASTLECROFT HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,357: 2m 6f) (10)

5 440- LITTLE MILLS K Dunn 8-11-7 ..... R Strange
9 00F-P BANDSEY R Hollinshead 6-11-2 ..... P Dwyer
14 P20-2 UNIHOC W Morris 7-10-9 ..... W Morris
16 12F- CRISP AND KEEN K Wells 8-10-7 ..... K Doolan
17 0P0/ RIVER RAMBLER Mrs W Tellwright 9-10-7 ..... Miss K Tellwright
19 4140 AGAIN KATHLEEN (B,BF) P Makin 5-10-4 ..... G Charles Jones
20 01F- DUNSTALL B Morgan 9-10-4 ..... G Williams
22 -004 FREERACER S Harris 4-10-2 ..... J Frost
23 0-00 MISS WALKINGWIND J Cosgrave 8-10-1 ..... J Suthern
24 00P- DUSTY FARLOW R Morris 7-10-0 ..... Miss L Wallace (7)

2-1 Unihoc, 3-1 Again Kathleen, 5-1 Crisp And Keen, 8-1 Bandsey, 9-1 Dunstall, 10-1 Freeracer, 12-1 Little Mills.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Mrs M Rimell 25 winners from 102 runners, 24.5%; J Edwards 10 from 63, 15.9%; J Spearing 10 from 67, 14.9%; Mrs J Pitman 9 from 62, 14.5% (only four qualifiers).
JOCKEYS: O Browne 8 winners from 15, 53.3%; P Barton 5 from 66, 7.6% (only two qualifiers).

Blinkered first time

EDINBURGH: 1.15 Something Similar, Rare Legend; 1.45 The Devil's Music; 2.45 Musical Aid; 3.15 Scottish Flog, Willowbank; 3.45 Herr Flick, Geobritony, Craigendarroch.

Cecil shooting ahead

Henry Cecil, locked in a private battle with Guy Harwood to saddle most winners this season, reached the 114-mark, extending his lead to two over the Pulborough trainer, when Shooting Party scored for the Warren Place team at Leicester yesterday.

Shooting Party was with the leaders from the start and the 6-5 favourite left his rivals toiling in the final furlong, drawing four lengths clear of Fearless Man.

Paul Cole, who moved stables to Whatcombe this year, reached a total of 62 winners, the best season of his career, when stable jockey Richard Quinn, scored an easy four lengths success on Prime Number in the first division of the Fosse Way Claiming Stakes.

It has been a fine season too for the Arundel-based John Dunlop, who has reached a century of domestic winners for the first time in 22 seasons. He registered winner No 105 with Betty Jane in the first division of the Hoby Maiden Stakes.

Cameron resigns at Lingfield

David Cameron has resigned as clerk of the course at Lingfield Park. Cameron, who has held the position since July 1985, will continue his association with Folkestone, where he has been clerk of the course for several years. Michael Webster, who is clerk of the course at Kempton Park, will also take on the Lingfield post.

EDINBURGH

Selections

By Mandarin

1.15 Cornelian.
1.45 Ski Captain.
2.15 Reform Princess.
2.45 Natija.
3.15 Mists Of Avalon.
3.45 Crown Justice.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.15 Springwell.
1.45 Tap The Baton.
2.15 Keep Hoping.
2.45 Career Madness.
3.15 Mists Of Avalon.
3.45 Crown Justice.

By Michael Seely

2.15 Reform Princess. 3.45 CROWN JUSTICE (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.15 NORTH OCEAN.

Going: good **Draw advantage: 5f-1m, high numbers best**

1.15 TENNENTS 80 SHILLING ALE STAKES (3-Y-O: £938: 1m 4f) (11 runners)

1 (8) 00-0001 COME POUR THE WINE (D) (E Atkinson) H Wharton 9-1 ..... J Quinn (3) 84 16-1
3 (2) 222233 BANTEL BUSHY (John Taylor (Shudehill) Ltd) J Berry 9-0 ..... NON-RUNNER — —
4 (5) 303323 NORTH OCEAN (BF) (S Fradkoff) L Cumani 9-0 ..... R Cochrane 99 3-1
5 (11) 004233 SOMETHING SIMILAR (B) (A Mactaggart) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0 ..... M Birch 81 12-1
10 (7) 03041 CORNELIAN (D) (D Harris) G Harwood 9-4 (7ex) ..... G Starkey 92 F2-1
11 (10) 00000 MARBLE MOON (Beechgrove Stud Farm Ltd) R Hollinshead 8-11 ..... S Perks 78 —
13 (9) 8-00242 RARE LEGEND (B,BF) (M Sinclair) M Ryan 8-11 ..... P Robinson 90 4-1
15 (4) 40 SAVE IT LASS (J Robson) R Hollinshead 8-11 ..... A Culhane (7) — —
16 (6) 440404 SHINY KAY (Mrs M Butler) W Elsey 8-11 ..... J Lowe 83 —
17 (3) 00 SIT ELNAAS (Hamdan Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11 ..... R Hills 81 14-1
19 (1) SPRINKELL (A Simpson) G Huffer 8-11 ..... G Carter 93 8-1

1985: FOUR STAR THRUST 8-11 N Carlisle (8-1) R Whitaker 12 ran

1.45 TENNENTS EXPORT MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £829: 5f) (7 runners)

1 (7) 00 HITTITE RULER (K Dyke) T Barron 9-0 ..... D Nicholls — 14-1
4 (5) 0 MONT ARTHUR (I Matthews) I Matthews 9-0 ..... C Dwyer — 10-1
5 (2) 0022 SKI CAPTAIN (V) (J Etherington) J

Marcus Williams investigates the oldest known artefact depicting cricket outside Britain

Mystery of a mud-covered buckle

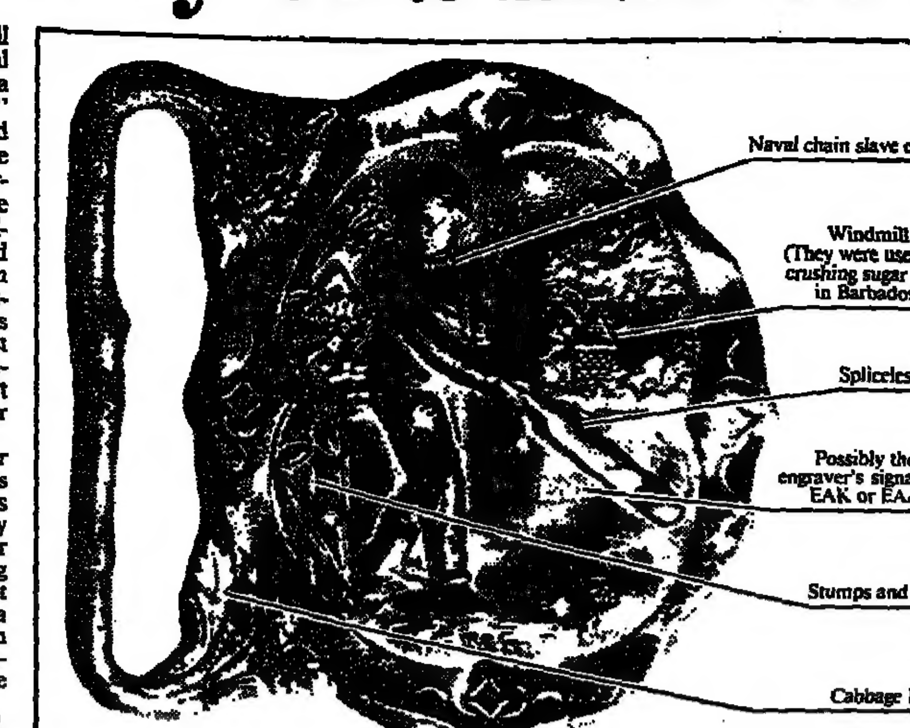
When a small piece of metal "like the lid of a sardine tin" was found embedded on the banks of the River Tweed one drizzly afternoon seven years ago, little did its discoverer, Clive Williams, conceive that he had unearthed the oldest known artefact depicting cricket outside the British Isles. His metal detector, however, must have been aware of the significance of the occasion, for it gave up the ghost and never worked again.

The metal object, no bigger than the palm of a man's hand, had lain two inches deep in silt, and a preliminary cleaning revealed that, far from covering the last resting place of some hapless fish, it was a belt buckle depicting a batsman hearing the 'death rattle' that haunts all cricketers, the ball spreadeagling the stumps.

The presence of a windmill, hut, and foliage in the background and coarse grass at the batsman's feet suggested a rural setting, maybe the English-Scottish Border country where the find was made. Interesting, but buckles showing a cricketing scene and attached to colourful belts were a common feature of a cricketer's attire in the Victorian period, so Mr Williams thought little more of it, and consigned the buckle to his sock drawer.

It was four years later, while cleaning jewellery for his wife, that he remembered the buckle. The removal of further layers of accumulated deposit from the brass set off a train of painstaking detective work, which has yielded several exciting discoveries and tantalizing theories — and given rise to a dream that one day the cricketing nations of the world might compete in the West Indies for a trophy adorned with the buckle as motif.

From this second cleaning it emerged that the batsman, far from being an Englishman or Scotsman, had negroid features; that the hut and windmill were of a type Mr Williams had seen in Caribbean sugar cane fields; and that the decorations around the rim of the buckle had a distinctly tropical air. Inquiries began.



From the mud of the Tweed comes this scene depicting a batsman hearing the 'death rattle'

The date of the buckle: The Victoria and Albert Museum opined that, although such buckles generally dated to the middle Victorian years, the "gothic" feel of the strut suggested earlier origins. A subsequent X-ray analysis of the metal at Oxford University revealed that copper accounted for over 90 per cent of the content, zinc for almost all the rest, and the total absence of lead and tin placed manufacture in the early Victorian period *or before*.

The batsman: According to Arnon Adams, a West Indian historian consulted by Mr Williams, the batsman looks like a well-fed, well-muscled mulatto, probably the offspring of a white overseer and a black slave mother. She was perhaps a cook, which would account for his access to good rations and a better-than-average diet. He appears to be in his late teens. The ring of naval chain around his neck, and apparently bare feet, confirm his slave status.

The cricket equipment: The batsman is wielding a straight, spliceless bat, which would accord with the late 18th or early 19th centuries.

Spliced bats, in which the handle is separate from but attached to the blade, date from the mid 1830s. The wicket, shattered by the unseen bowler, consists of three stumps; a third stump was introduced to the game *circa* 1777.

The location: Visits by Mr Williams to the Caribbean High Commissions in London produced a consensus that the buckle had clear West Indian cricket connections. However, expert botanical opinion was able to pinpoint the scene to Barbados: the foliage at the bottom left of the buckle's rim is from the Cabbage Palm, which is indigenous to the island. The windmill and hut are typical of cane-growing areas, which in turn were typical of Barbados. Windmills are known to have been sited in the vicinity of Bridgetown, which now houses the island's main ground, Kensington Oval, and it is a tempting thought that the area depicted on the buckle is where that Test match arena now stands.

The date of the scene: The first dated reference to cricket in Barbados is 1806, though it indicates that the game had by then been established for some time on the island. The cabbage palms already mentioned were prolific in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, their numbers — and those of the island's windmills — being drastically reduced by a great hurricane which raged for 26 hours in October, 1780.

Thus, a location and approximate date for the scene can be agreed, establishing the buckle's antiquity and status, but several questions remain teasingly unanswered. Who was the slave? (The National Portrait Gallery suggested to Mr Williams that this might be a specific example of portraiture.) Was he playing in a particular match or is it only a representation of cricket as then played in the West Indies?

Who owned the buckle, or commissioned its engraving? More than likely it was a wealthy patron and this led Mr Williams to investigate the great families and houses along the Tweed Valley, particularly families connected with the West Indies.

Lo and behold from research at the British museum and the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich there emerged on the Tweed, upstream from where the buckle was found, a branch of the Hothams ("o" pronounced as in mother), a noted naval family with records of service in the Caribbean in the 18th- and 19th-centuries....and whose prowess at cricket while at Westminster School is recorded by the family biographer in the same context as the game's famous 18th century patrons, the Sackvilles (Dukes of Dorset).

The biographer, Anna-Maria Stirling, wrote: "The innovation (of cricket at Westminster) owed much of the approval it quickly gained to the enthusiasm of the Sackvilles, several of whom ensured their future laurels as cricketers in those pioneer attempts on Tuttle Fields (now Vincent Square); while the Hothams, both on account of their proficiency in the new pastime as well as their success in after life, were later described with dual meaning as being 'among the *lucky hits* of Westminster'."

Clive Williams with the buckle — a design which he hopes will adorn the 1991 World Cup in the West Indies

The best known of the Hothams was Admiral Lord William, the first baron (1736-1813), and in 1779-80, then a Commodore, he was stationed off Barbados.

Perhaps he organized cricket matches for his men — and there were many hundreds of marines as well as sailors in the fleet, and local slaves proficient at the game were included. Perhaps again it was Admiral Hotham's nephews, Henry or William, both of whom also served in the area, that were involved in cricket in Barbados some years later. This must remain speculative, although Mr Williams hopes that the Hotham family archives will yet yield further clues.

How then did the buckle turn up on the shores of the Tweed? Stephen Green, Curator of MCC, points out that many cricketing buckles have been found in the soil, the assumption being that when the cricketing belts grew faded or tatty, they were then used for gardening or outdoor work, and were subsequently lost after an energetic spell of digging; the material would then rot away but the metal survived. In the same way one of the Hothams' or other noble families' gardeners might have worn the belt which bore this buckle and lost it in a part of the estate by the River Tweed.

A planned forensic examination of the buckle may offer further evidence, such as whether the engraver's signature perceptible beneath the bottom edge of the bat is what may be EAK or EAA and time will tell whether Mr Williams's dream that the design of his beloved buckle appears on a world cricket trophy — the 1991 World Cup in the West Indies? — might be realized.

BADMINTON

Time to get the act together as sponsors move in

By Richard Eaton

Last month Morten Frost, the world's leading player, made an impassioned attack upon the way in which badminton was marketing itself. "The product is absolutely right, but I am beginning to feel more and more that we are dealing with the wrong people," he said.

What annoyed Frost, and many others as well, is that politics interferes with the progress of the game so much that it is extremely difficult getting top Asians to play top Europeans in the West. Westerners go East, and usually get beaten in the humidity and heat. Easterners, on the other hand, come here only very rarely, apparently at the mercy of the dictates of their political officials. These are the ones whom Frost is referring to as the wrong people to deal with.

More annoying, all this is happening at a time when badminton is making lucrative progress. There is a $3 million (about £2.1 million) sponsorship from Pro-Kennex for the world grand prix, and in the Far East there are big prizes, big crowds, and big media coverage. The game goes into the Olympics in 1992. If only it could get its whole act, East and West, together, everything in the garden would be very lovely indeed.

Enter Walker and skirmishes begin

It is not surprising therefore that the entry into the sport of Walker International, a promotions company currently managing the affairs of Ian Botham amongst a large number of other sportsmen and women, has been welcomed by a majority of top English badminton players, as it has been publicly by some of the game's official bodies. Privately, though, there was quite a bit of skirmishing between the Establishment and entrepreneurs, especially over the choice of name for Walker International's first independently organized event — an England Select v Europe Select match in Dublin in September.

Sceptics are suspicious that Walker International will attempt to exploit the game. They fear the creation of an unnecessary circus within an international calendar that is already expanding, and see it as potentially a Packer-type operation. "But it is unfair to compare it with Packer", says England's Commonwealth gold medallist, Steve Baddeley, who is one of about 20 British players to have signed up with the company.

"There is no attempt to take players away from the conventional game as there was in cricket, and I do feel there is a gap that can be filled in promoting and marketing the game," he said. Fortunately, Walker International's badminton section is led by a man whose love for the game ought to outweigh any temptation for short-term profit. He is Ciro Ciniglio, once England's successful manager, and briefly marketing manager of the International Badminton Federation.

Walker's first foray into the market may have upset one or two establishment figures, because there is little doubt that some of the matches had only limited meaning in competitive terms. But the company's subsequent enterprises might make a very big contribution to the sport if, that is, they are aimed in the right direction.

The overwhelming need is to open the European door so that the big money and big players of Asia can come flooding in, perhaps to travel on to even more exciting developments in North America. Currently however, the development of European badminton looks becalmed, even though immediate progress was made in several Communist countries after the announcement of Olympic badminton.

The game here is dominated too much by Denmark and England. Worse still, the European championships still do not offer any prize money, and have been declining in status since the start of the open era in 1979. Several of the leading players, including Baddeley and the England No. 2, Nick Yates, have even stopped competing in them.

One of Walker's first selling points was to talk of a Europa Cup. This, it was said, would be the biggest event on the Continent, and with the biggest prize money — the All-England championships included. Those plans were voiced 18 months ago, bit there have been no further announcements about it since.

There is no doubt the idea is an outstandingly good one. But the slowness of progress is beginning to look worryingly ominous. There will certainly be Walker International events in Ireland in March, and probably in India sometime in the New Year.

Right players at the right time

What's more, the strengths of Ciniglio's Japanese contacts are well known. But the tough truth is that the right sponsors, with the right players, in the right venue, at the right time, is proving to be a difficult combination to create.

The biggest danger from all this is that desperation could lead to a series of competitively-meaningless events, cluttering an already busy international schedule for many of the top players, and even causing the clandestine rivalry between the Establishment and the entrepreneurs to develop into open hostility.

On the other hand, however, discussions about payments for playing for England have occurred since Walker's involvement — probably as an indirect result of it — and according to some players the services provided to them by the Badminton Association of England have definitely improved.

If the entrepreneur can finally land that big European event so much talked of, then it will be providing the whole game a service, Establishment included. Let no one — not even the sceptics — think differently.

W Indies win after barrage of bottles

From Richard Streeton, Gujranwala

Bottles and firecrackers thrown on to the outfield, together with appalling light, combined to bring a chaotic finish to the one-day international between Pakistan and West Indies here yesterday. After the players had walked off the field, leaving the 26,000 crowd puzzled and angry, the umpires ruled in their changing room that West Indies had won on faster scoring rate.

By the time the scorers had deducted the seven maiden overs bowled by Pakistan, and cross-checked the Pakistan batting details, it emerged that West Indies' 196 for seven was clearly superior to Pakistan's 155 for six. That, at any rate, was the explanation given to me by the umpires.

West Indies, averaging 12 overs an hour, were never going to complete their 50 overs before complete darkness fell. When Richards led his side off at 5.16 p.m. they had already been in the field for three hours 41 minutes. Javed Miandad and Salim Yousuf, who were sharing an exciting seventh-wicket stand, wanted to continue but the umpires over-ruled them.

Four times during the afternoon West Indian deep fieldsmen were barrassed by bottles, firecrackers and banana skins being thrown at them; the game having to be halted while the missiles were cleared. There did not, however, seem to be any vicious intent behind it all. It was a tragedy for the local officials who have built a new pavilion for the World Cup and whose other arrangements were first-class.

West Indies first thing had struggled and only an attacking late stand between Dujon and Marshall had enabled them to reach the score they did. Pakistan made a similar poor start before Miandad, leading the side in Imran's absence, rallied his team.

Pakistan needed 69 from the last 10 overs as Marshall and Patterson returned. They continued to play aggressive shots despite the light, which was dreadful, even by English standards.

There were regular consultations between the umpires and captains before a final barrage of bottles decided the officials that there was no point in trying to continue.

WEST INDIES

C G Greenidge c Yousuf b Jaffer	10
D L Haynes c Yousuf b Jaffer	9
R B Richardson lbw b Elahi	23
A L Logie b Jaffer	0
*I V A Richards c Tauseef b Qadir	17
†P J L Dujon not out	57
R A Harper lbw b Qadir	1
M D Marshall run out	66
W K R Benjamin not out	2
Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 2, nb 4)	11
Total (7 wkts, 50 overs)	196

C A Walsh and B P Patterson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-22, 3-22, 4-67, 5-67, 6-79, 7-194.

BOWLING: Akram 10-2-41-0; Jaffer 10-0-49-3; Elahi 10-2-25-1; Qadir 10-1-45-2; Tauseef 5-1-17-0; Mujtaba 5-1-14-0.

PAKISTAN

Mohsin Khan b Marshall	4
Shoaib Mohammad run out	3
Ramiz Raja c Richards b Benjamin	30
Asif Mujtaba c Richardson b Marshall	0
*Javed Miandad not out	74
Manzoor Elahi c Dujon b Benjamin	4
Abdul Qadir c Dujon b Benjamin	0
†Salim Yousuf not out	23
Extras (b 1, lb 9, w 7)	17
Total (6 wkts, 43.5 overs)	155

Wasim Akram, Tauseef Ahmed and Saleem Jaffer did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-22, 3-23, 4-65, 5-75, 6-75.

BOWLING: Marshall 8-2-18-2; Patterson 7.5-2-33-0; Benjamin 10-1-21-3; Walsh 10-1-31-0; Harper 8-0-42-0.

The rifts that cannot be healed

By Ivo Tennant

So immersed in thought was Peter Roebuck as he made his exit from the County ground, Taunton, on Monday afternoon that he all but mowed down a middle-aged county lady. She told him, jokingly, that if he did that again he could no longer count on her vote at the special meeting of Somerset members this Saturday.

Such jocularity came as a relief to the Somerset captain, an intense and singular man even when he has a hundred to his name. Many of the comments directed at him since he seconded the committee's decision to release Viv Richards and Joel Garner have been far from pleasant. He has been insulted and physically threatened. It has all reached the stage that during the past fortnight, three investigative reporters pitched camp in Taunton.

It has been a time of broken friendships, not least with Richards (as the West Indian made clear in *The Times* yesterday) Garner and Ian Botham, who will leave Somerset if the committee's decision is not overturned on Saturday. Whatever the outcome, Roebuck says the rifts are now too deep to be healed.

Should the so-called rebels win, Roebuck, now aged 30, will leave Somerset, eschewing a benefit, and probably leave cricket. He can afford to, metaphorically at any rate, since he has a first-class mind. It is rumoured that one national newspaper is delaying appointing a cricket correspondent until Somerset's problems are resolved.

The severing of his relationship with Richards is, one suspects, the hurt Roebuck has felt most keenly. He would not comment on Richards's remarks in *The Times* yesterday. Their friendship grew originally because their natures were so opposed. Roebuck, who won a scholarship to Millfield and a first class degree at Cambridge, is an insecure figure, ill at ease with fellow players and with his batting until success as a writer exorcised the latter. "I cannot abide failure," he said. "I have always feared it more than I have loved success."

Roebuck: may leave cricket

However, Roebuck does not see the meeting on Saturday in that light; the future of the club is at stake. It is to his credit that he has stayed aloof from the mud-slinging of his opponents, partly because by his own admission he is aloof and partly because reading law at Cambridge engendered a respect for the other party's point of view.

"I do not feel hurt by the criticism of me as a captain or as a person. I have always liked Joel Garner and although my feelings about Viv Richards are very confused I bear no animosity towards him."

Other than the breaking of friendships, the aspect of the saga that has upset Roebuck most was the placing of the notice 'Judas' above his dressing-room peg.

"Rarely does a cricket team throw together close relationships and at Somerset we have had a turbulent mix of people, some of whom could not spot the difference between an argument and personal dislike. I am not sure if socially and in terms of character development, cricket was the right career for me."

When, in August, Somerset announced their decision to release Richards and Garner, Roebuck made a mistake. "I kept quiet for two or three weeks until personal abuse forced me to make my opinions known," he said. "I was then seen as a Machiavellian manoeuverer. I became one of the instigators rather than someone who quietly agreed with the decision. It was the price I paid through being deemed to be clever and resulted in a campaign to discredit me.

"The point is that Somerset's record is just not good enough. Our history is littered with mistakes, our club needs modernizing and our constitution needs to be more democratic but things have not been going well on the field. The supposition that they started going wrong only this year is unfair. Why have we had three captains in four years?"

Roebuck does not intend speaking on Saturday — unless the accusations become too defamatory to stomach. He expects a charge of racism to be raised against the club by supporters of the two West Indians. "One or two members of the committee may not be liberal over race matters but the rebels will have a hell of a job proving it. If the committee are racists, why have Richards and Garner been here so long?"

By the beginning of this week, Roebuck's diary of the whole affair had reached 50,000 words. Although selling it would be worth a substantial sum to him, Roebuck never intends to publish it. He does not believe in making personal comments and letters public and is not a materialistic man.

In fact, Roebuck welcomes adversity: he likes to worry over his cricket which comes to him far less easily than writing. It dates back to his first net. His parents, both schoolteachers, took him to an indoor school in the hope that he would be hit, not want to go back and concentrate instead on cerebral matters. Roebuck was hit but returned for more and has been seeing off the bouncers ever since. It will be no surprise if he still is come Saturday evening.

Somerset show profit for 1986

Somerset, who finished second from bottom of the Britannic Assurance championship, have announced a profit of £38,778 for the year ended September 1986.

Despite an increase of more than £10,000 in players' salaries and expenses the Somerset treasurer, Ray Wright, was able to report the pre-tax profit saying: "Prudent management has produced the surplus despite a continuing drop in membership and lack of success on the field."

Scots pressure Chinese

Scotland came close to taming an under-strength Chinese team on Monday evening, going down 5-2 to the world champions in a challenge match in Dunfermline.

Kenny Middlemiss, an Edinburgh student, gave the Scots a fine start by defeating Xu Biao, ranked fifth in China, 15-5, 8-15, 18-17.

Though the Chinese took control after this, moving quickly to an unassailable 4-1 lead, Kilmarnock's Alex White — celebrating his 50th cap — put the Scots back in touch. The Scottish No. 2 took only 30 minutes to defeat Li Jian, the Chinese junior champion, 15-10, 15-6.

In a captivating mixed doubles, Dan Travers and Jenny Allen nearly took the final rubber against Liu Zinghau and Lai Caiqin. The Scots saved five match-points to come back from 7-13 down in the second game, but eventually lost 11-15, 18-17, 10-15.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

European Cup
Second round, second leg
(First leg score in brackets)
Juventus (0) v Real Madrid (1)
Porto (0) v Vitkovice (Cz) (1)
Red Star Belgrade (3) v Rosenborg (Nor) (0)
Austria Vienna (0) v Bayern Mun (2)
Steaua Bucharest (0) v Anderlecht (3)
Dynamo Kiev (1) v Celtic (1) (4.0)
Dynamo Berlin (1) v Broendbyernes (Den) (2)

European Cup Winners' Cup
Second round, second leg
(First leg score in brackets)
Wrexham (0) v Real Zaragoza (0)
Lokomotiv Leipzig (1) v Rapid Vienna (1)
Velez Mostar (Yug) (0) v Vitosha Sofia (2)
VBS Stuttgart (0) v Torpedo Moscow (2)
Sion (Switz) (2) v Katowice (2)
Bordeaux (1) v Benfica (1)
Malmo (3) v Nentori Tirana (Alb) (0)
Olympiakos Piraeus (0) v Ajax (4)

UEFA Cup
Second round, second leg
(First leg score in brackets)
Neuchatel Xamax (0) v Gröningen (Neth) (0)
Athletic Bilbao (1) v Beveren (Bel) (3)
Bayer Uerdingen (WG) (0) v Widzew Lodz (0)
Inter-Milan (2) v Legia Warsaw (3)
Atlético Madrid (0) v Vitoria Guimaraes (Por) (2)
Feyenoord (1) v Borussia Mönchengladbach (5)
Ghent (3) v Sportul Studentesc (Rom) (0)
Raba Eto Györ (Hun) (0) v Torino (4)
Sporting Lisbon (0) v Barcelona (1)
Trakia Plovdiv (Bul) (1) v Hajduk Split (3)
Standard Liège (1) v Swarovski Tyrol (2)
Stahl Brandenburg (EG) (0) v Göteborg (2)
Spartak Moscow (1) v Toulouse (3)
Universitatea Craiova (Rom) (0) v Dundee United (3)

Littlewoods Cup
Third round replay
Nottingham Forest v Crystal Palace

Fourth division
Peterborough v Tranmere

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: Airdrie v Clyde.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Bristol Rovers v Queen's Park Rangers; Millwall v Brighton (2.0); Swindon v Portsmouth (2.30).

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0 unless stated): First division: Derby v Everton; Leeds v Nottingham Forest v Sheffield Wednesday; Sheffield United v Blackburn (7.30). Second division: Barnsley v Bolton; Blackpool v Bradford; Grimsby v Port Vale (7.30); Rotherham v Notts County; Stoke v Huddersfield; Scunthorpe v Wigan (7.30); West Bromwich Albion v Doncaster.

FA TROPHY: Second qualifying round replays: Cambridge City v Oxford City; Consett v Horwich.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Yeovil v Wokingham.

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LEAGUE: League Cup: Second round: Chard v Minehead (7.45).

BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Chatteris v Haverhill.

KNIGHT FLOODLIT COMPETITION: Collier Row v Chelmsford City.

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Croydon v Chesham (7.45); Uxbridge v Erith and Belvedere; Epsom and Ewell v Danson Bexley (7.45).

OTHER MATCH: Cambridge University v Norwich City XI (at Fenner's, 2.0).

RUGBY UNION

THORN EMI COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Midlands Group: Semi-final: Staffordshire v North Midlands (7.15, at Burton).

CLUB MATCHES: Cardiff v Oxford University; Aberavon v Ebbw Vale (7.0); Glamorgan Wanderers v Cheltenham; Gloucester v South Wales Police.

WILLIAM YOUNGER TROPHY: Old Westcliffians v Harlow (at Thurrock RFC).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Prudential National Cup: Quarter-final: Draper Tools Solent v Sharp Manchester United (at Southampton, 8.0).

BOWLS: CIS UK singles championships (at Preston).

TENNIS: LTA women's indoor tournament (at Queen's Club).

SNOOKER: Dulux British Open qualifying tournament (at Conference Centre, Solihull).

Waddington's day

Stoke City are to hold a testimonial match in recognition of the 25 years' service in football of their former manager, Tony Waddington. Stoke's 1972 League Cup-winning side, which achieved the only major honour in their history, is to be reunited for the game against an All-Star XI on Sunday April 26.

Mallender plans

The Northamptonshire seam bowler, Neil Mallender, currently playing for Otago in New Zealand, may return to his native Yorkshire. Brian Close, Yorkshire cricket chairman, admitted the club were interested and said they would be

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

UNITED STATES: National League (NFL): Los Angeles Rams 20, Chicago Bears 17.

BADMINTON

DUNFERMLINE: International match: Scotland v China (Scottish names first): Men's singles: K Middlemiss bt X Biao, 15-5, 8-15, 18-17. Women's singles: J Allen lost to Y Fen, 2-11, 1-11. Men's doubles: D Travers and D Snaylor lost to L Jian and Z Shouzai, 5-15, 12-15

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Golden State Warriors 104, New York Knicks 95.
INGLEWOOD, California: Tour match: Athletes in Action 95, USSR 104.

CYCLING

MADRID: Six-day race (fifth day): Leading positions: 1, R Pijnen (Neth) and P R Cabestany (Sp), 84pts; 2, E De Wilde and S Tourne (Bel), 25; 3, R Hermann and S Hermann (Lich) 145; 4, J Muller and S Joho (Switz), 86; 5, G Knetemann (Neth) and E Raco (Sp), 13; 6, C Mottet and A Bondue (Fr), 45; 7, A Perrea and M Urrutia (Sp), 53; 8, A Lenuerra and J Vazmaro (Sp), 62; 9, J Kristen (WG) and A Ackermann (Switz), 41; 10, H Oersted (Den) and C Moreda (Sp), 31.
GRENOBLE: Six-day race: Final positions: Men: 1, F Moser (It) and T Doyle (GB), 220pts. At one lap: 2, E Vallet (Fr) and G Frank (Den), 346. At two laps: 3, G Bontempi and P-A Bincoletto (It), 365. At three laps: 4, D Gisiger (Switz) and M Marcussen (Den), 149. At four laps: 5, M Vaarten (Bel) and M Bidinost (It), 395. Women: 1, J Longo and I Gautheron (Fr), 170. At one lap: 2, E Muller (Switz) and M de Smet (Bel) 146. At two laps: 3, R Bonannomi

SPEEDWAY

LEAGUE CUP: Final, second leg: Postponed: Oxford v Cradley Heath.
BRITISH LEAGUE: Postponed: Oxford v Sheffield.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Calgary Flames 4, Los Angeles Kings 2.

Wales Conference
Patrick Division

	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Philadelphia	9	2	0	18	45	23
Pittsburgh	8	3	1	17	57	47
New Jersey	6	5	0	12	44	46
NY Islanders	5	4	1	11	42	35
Washington	5	6	1	11	46	51
NY Rangers	2	5	4	8	41	49

Adams League

	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Quebec	6	3	4	16	55	48
Montreal	6	3	3	15	49	43
Boston	5	6	1	11	40	42
Hartford	4	3	3	11	35	41
Buffalo	3	7	2	8	38	41

Campbell Conference
Norris Division

	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Toronto	6	2	3	15	36	31
St Louis	4	3	3	11	34	31
Detroit	5	5	1	11	31	31
Minnesota	4	6	1	9	47	49
Chicago	3	6	2	8	42	60

Smythe Division

	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Edmonton	8	4	1	17	62	44
Winnipeg	5	5	1	11	41	42
Calgary	4	7	0	8	37	48
Los Angeles	3	8	1	7	45	56

GOLF

LEADING FINAL USPGA MONEYWINNERS (US unless stated): 1, G Norman (Aus), $653,296 (about £466,000); 2, R Tway, 652,780; 3, P Stewart, 535,389; 4, A Bean, 491,938; 5, Dan Pohl, 463,630; 6, H Sutton, 29,434; 7, T Kite, 394,164; 8, B Crenshaw, 388,169; 9, R Floyd, 380,508; 10, B Langer (WG), 379,800.

RUGBY FIVES

US TOURNAMENT FINALS: (Southborough, Massachusetts) Rob Weedon doubles: M C Daniel (Old Bedfordians Club) and C Devens III (St Mark's) bt K Arbour (Worcester, Massachusetts) and J A Carey (St Mark's Faculty). Massachusetts open doubles: J A Carey (St Mark's Faculty) and J Hampel (Merchant Taylor's) bt M C Daniel (Old Bedfordians Club) and D Wiles (Merchant Taylor's). Massachusetts open singles: J Hampel (Merchant Taylor's) bt D Wiles (Merchant Taylor's). R Steven Garfield Cup: J A Carey (St Mark's Faculty) bt M C Daniel (Old Bedfordians Club). (Norfolk, Connecticut) Connecticut open singles: J Hampel (Merchant Taylor's) bt G Thompson (Merchant Taylor's).

SQUASH RACKETS

GARFORTH: Systime McKelvie Yorkshire championship final: A Barnett bt M Brook, 9-6, 9-6, 10-8.
TOULOUSE: World championships: Men: First qualifying round: P Hill (Sing) bt A Delhostr (Fr), 9-1, 9-1, 9-0; J Nicolle (GB) bt F Canot (Fr), 9-4, 9-1, 10-8; D Harris (GB) bt M Verrogen (Neth), 9-5, 9-1, 9-4; B Martin (Aus) bt C Douglas (GB), 9-6, 9-4, 10-8; C Dittmar (Aus) bt N Harvey (GB), 9-7, 9-5, 3-9, 6-9, 10-8; H Frieling (Neth) bt K Nawato (Eg), 6-9, 5-9, 9-3, 10-8, 9-4; S Butt (Can) bt B Watkins (GB), 9-1, 9-2, 7-9, 9-5; E Claudel (Fr) bt A Jaakd (GB), 2-9, 9-10, 10-8, 9-5, 9-4; S Cunningham (NZ) bt E Smit (Neth), 9-3, 9-6, 9-4; Z Saleh (GB) bt

TENNIS

ANTWERP: European Community championships: First round: J Arias (US) bt L Pimek (Cz), 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; J Brown (US) bt F Maciel (Mex), 6-2, 3-6, 6-1; P McNamee (Aus) bt B Dyke (Aus), 6-4, 6-3; M Mecir (Cz) bt B Pearce (US), 6-3, 6-2.
LONDON: Queen's Club: LTA women's indoor circuit tournament: Singles: First round: C Cserepy (Switz) bt S McCarthy (Avon), 6-2, 6-4; C Cohen (Switz) bt L Vandborg (Den), 6-0, 6-2; C Bakkum (Neth) bt S Timms (Essex), 6-4, 7-6; J Alexander (Can) bt R Eny (Middlesex), 2-6, 7-6, 6-2. Second round: P Tacarova (Cz) bt R Bielsa (Sp), 6-2, 6-0; S Reeves (Kent) bt S Schilder (Switz), 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; K Rickett (Warwicks) bt J Louis (Devon), 6-4, 7-5; J Tacon (Norfolk) bt B Borneo (Beds), 6-4, 6-4; C Dahlman (Swe) bt R Rajchrtova (Cz), 6-4 6-0; C Bakkum (Neth) bt J Alexander (Can), 6-4, 6-0.
STOCKHOLM: Stockholm Open: Men's singles: First round: J Carter (US) bt T Nelson (US), 6-4, 6-4; K Novacek (Cz) bt J Avendano (Sp), 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; J Gunnarsson (Swe) bt H Sundstrom (Swe), 4-6, 6-4, 7-5; D Rostagno (US) bt P Lundgren (Swe), 6-4, 6-2; B Testerman (US) bt L Lavalle (Mex), 6-4, 6-1; R Matuszewski (US) bt T Warneke (US), 6-2, 6-2; J Windahl (Swe) bt B Schultz (US), 7-6, 6-3; W Masur (Aus) bt K Jones (US), 6-4, 6-4; S Perkiss (Isr) bt C Pridham (Can), 6-3, 6-3; J Carlsson (Swe) bt A Mansdorf (Isr), 7-6, 6-4; C Bergstrom (Swe) bt M Westphal (WG), 6-4, 6-0; J Bates (GB) bt P Carlsson (Swe), 6-4, 6-2; M Schapers (Neth) bt M Ostoja (Yugo), 6-3, 6-2.
WTA RANKINGS: 1, M Navratilova (US), $1,387,184 (about £990,000); 2, C Lloyd (US), $833,755; 3, H Sukova (Cz), $540,462; 4, S Graf (WG), $537,818; 5, P Shriver (US), $463,285; 6, H Mandlikova (Cz), $363,670; 7, C Kohde-Kilsch (WG), $316,835; 8, G Sabatini (Arg), $219,661; 9, Z Garrison (US), $196,121; 10, W Turnbull (Aus), $194,593.
FLORENCE: Exhibition tournament: J McEnroe (US) bt Y Noah (Fr), 7-5, 7-6; P Cane (It) bt F Cancellotti (It), 7-5, 6-4; B Becker (WG) bt E Sanchez (Sp), 6-2, 6-2; T Tulasne (Fr) bt B

WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES

Public's ticket problem

Toronto (AP) — About a quarter of the tickets for the 1988 Winter Olympic Games in Calgary, Alberta, have been set aside and will not be available to the public, the chairman of the Calgary Olympic Organizing Committee (COOC) said on Monday.

The COOC have been criticized since it was learned last month that many of the best seats for the various events would not be generally available. Frank King, the chairman, said the COOC "will push as many tickets back into the public hands as we possibly can...(but) we have a few events in which we're not going to make everyone happy".

King said about 25 per cent of the 1.6 million tickets would go to Games officials, members of the Government, sports organizations, corporate sponsors and the media.

Though Canadian officials have been asked to cut back on their ticket needs, King said the committee's international commitments were "cast in concrete". He added: "So we must remember that Canada is inviting the world to come here. If they (foreign visitors) can't attend the Games, they're not going to come."

King said the recent firing of Jim McGregor, the former ticket manager, had been "a good-news-bad-news story". McGregor was dismissed after being charged last Friday with two counts of fraud and theft in connection with ticket orders distributed in the United States.

King said he thought most Canadians now realized "that the organizing committee is doing its best to be on the top of its game. We're looking after their interests as best we can."

SNOOKER

SOLIHULL: Dulux British open: Second round: R Grace (SA) bt P Fagan (Rep of Ire), 5-3; T Chappel (Wal) bt A Kearney (Rep of Ire), 5-3; G Wilkinson (Aus) bt P Mans (SA), 5-2; G Rigitano (Can) bt P Browne (Rep of Ire), 5-4. Third round: S Francisco (SA) bt B Rowsell (Eng), 5-0; T Griffiths (Wal) bt J Rea (Scot), 5-2; T Jones (Eng) bt M MacLeod (Scot), 5-4; K Stevens (Can) bt R Chaperon (Can), 5-4; D Mountjoy (Wal) bt K Owers (Eng), 5-1; W King (Aus) bt J Parrott (Eng), 5-1; N Foulds (Eng) bt D Roe (Eng), 5-1; S Duggan (Eng) bt S

FOOTBALL

The oldest Welsh club looks forward to making history again

By Clive White

Wrexham, the spoilsports, have taken the fun out of their challenge to Real Zaragoza, this year's Spanish cup winners. What was originally a cute tie with comical possibilities has now become a serious contest in which the little north Wales club might even be considered — whisper it — the favourites.

The Wrexham manager, Dixie McNeil, whose very name conjures the thought of the kind of heroic deeds we used to read about in comics, refuses, naturally enough, to accept such a position. Instead, he is trying to recapture that happy-go-lucky mood of a fortnight ago when Wrexham, the Football League's only representatives in Europe, confounded logic by deservedly holding the individually gifted Spanish side to a goalless draw in the Aragon capital.

But even McNeill had to admit that the excitement of the occasion has got to him. "I intend to enjoy every minute of it and I hope the players do too. Whatever the outcome we can savour with pride what we achieved a fortnight ago," he said.

Encouragingly, the magnitude of that performance has not meant that concentration on fourth division games has suffered. Indeed, the tenor of that evening in the La Romereda stadium has been maintained with Wrexham remaining unbeaten in their two subsequent games while Real Zaragoza's form has continued uneasily.

Wrexham prepared nicely for tonight's return leg in the second round of the European Cup Winners' Cup with a tough workout at the weekend at Scunthorpe, where they drew 3-3 without their most vigorous forward, Steel. It was Steel, the 27-year-old hero of those memorable ties against AC Roma and FC Porto two years ago, who arrowed a shot against the Zaragoza crossbar in the first leg — and almost straight through the failing Spanish hearts.

Worried representatives of Real, watching Wrexham yet again 10 days ago against Aldershot, were no doubt relieved to see Steel limp off with a strained ankle. One suspects, though, that the iron man of Welsh football will be welded together and sent out as good as new.

Real themselves should be bolstered by the return from suspension of Fraile, an unlikely name for a defender. Sedrun, their first-choice goalkeeper, is fit again. Wrexham intend to make sure that they need him.

They will be lighting the bonfires from Colwyn Bay to Cardiff if Wrexham can satisfy an expectant crowd of between 12,000 and 14,000 at the Racecourse Ground. They have become used to seeing Wrexham spring nasty surprises upon the high and mighty at home and abroad, but victory now would surely be the most memorable in the history of Wales' oldest club. Wrexham in the quarter-final round of a major European competition — that would cause some fun.

WREXHAM (probable): C Pearce; N Salathiel, S Cunnington, M Williams, J Cooke, P Comstive, M Conroy, B Horne, J Steel (or S Buxton or S Massey), S Charles, P Emson.

REAL ZARAGOZA (probable): J Cedrun; J Casuco, R Garcia Cortes, N Julia, M Fraile, F Guerri, P Yañez, J Señor, R Sosa, P Herrera, M Ayneto.

Referee: J Keizer (Neth).

Real will gamble on attack

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Leo Beenhakker is preparing to gamble here tonight on the temperaments of his unpredictable players and with the security of his own position. The manager of Real Madrid believes that he must uphold the historic traditions of his famous club, even though he may be risking his side's immediate future in the European Cup.

Although Real hold only a 1-0 lead as they enter the second leg of the second round tie against Juventus, he will send them in with a triple-barrelled shotgun. Beenhakker, who was once in charge of Feyenoord, Ajax and the Netherlands, puts forward a refreshingly convincing case for doing so.

"The great teams of Madrid always played with three forwards," he says. "Remember Puskas, di Stefano and Gento in the sixties? I've got three great strikers now in Butragueno, Sanchez and Valdano and I could include Santillana in that list as well. What am I supposed to do?

"There could be a time when I might use only two up front but that is not the way I like to play. Besides, we are talking about football, not mathematics. The public expect us to attack. That is why between 80,000 and 90,000 people come to see us every week. The trouble is they want results as well. We will go on the offensive tonight because the first goal will be crucial."

There could be few more inhospitable arenas than the Stadio Communale in which to test the strength of his honourable convictions. Juventus have justifiably earned the reputation of being the most powerful defensive side in the world and, a fortnight ago, they confirmed that they have not lost the art.

Little has yet been seen of the Italian strike force and particularly of Platini. But the return of Serena, another absentee during the first meeting, should stir their collective ideas

The prospect is fascinating enough to fill the giant concrete fortress. All 70,000 tickets were sold within hours of being put on sale a fortnight ago.

Aitken holds the key to victory

By Hugh Taylor

Celtic are delaying the announcement of their team to play Dynamo Kiev in the second leg of their European Cup tie tonight until just before the kick-off in the hope that Roy Aitken, their inspirational captain, will be fit.

Aitken has influenza but David Hay, the Celtic manager, admitted last night: "I could not envisage going into a match such as this without Aitken." He added that there was hope that Aitken would have shaken off the worst effects of the virus.

Although Celtic face perhaps the most intimidating task in their illustrious history in European competition, there is no mood of despondency in the Scottish camp and Hay remains defiant. "This is not a lost cause," he says

Yet a 1-1 draw at Parkhead is hardly the kind of result to take to Russia or to bring confidence that victory can be gained against opponents who provide the bulk of the Soviet Union's national side.

There is a suspicion that the Celtic midfield player, Paul McStay, who is still only 22, has not fulfilled his potential but as far as his manager is concerned he is an exceptional player. "He will be a major factor in our plans for this game." he said. McStay remains distressed at having been taken off in the match against Rangers on Saturday but Hay believes that this personal affront will make him all the more determined to show the Russians that Dynamo do not have the monopoly of cultured exponent of the art of midfield play.

Even if Aitken plays, he cannot be reckoned 100 per cent fit, and the defence is anything but impregnable and can hardly hope to keep at bay attackers of the venom of Bessonov, Belanov, Rats and Blokhin.

Pride, tradition, spirit and scoring ability — attributes Celtic have in plenty — cannot compare with their opponent's smooth efficiency, pace or confidence.

● David Hay's comments after Celtic's Skol Cup final defeat by Rangers last month have produced a response from the Scottish Football Association (SFA).

The Celtic manager has been asked by the SFA's executive committee to explain his post-match observation that the club should apply to join the English league because of what he believed to be refereing errors.

Facing a handicap

From a Special Correspondent

Dundee United are forced to face the Romanian side, Universitatea Craiova, in the second leg of their second round UEFA Cup tie tonight without their two most experienced European campaigners: Paul Hegarty, their captain, and David Narey.

Between them, this central defensive pairing, have over 100 European appearances. Narey was not fit to travel because of damaged knee ligaments. However, it was hoped Hegarty would be fit. Unfortunately, he failed a test on a stubborn groin injury leaving United to defend a 3-0 first-leg lead without either player; the first time this has happened in 16 years.

With the experienced Richard Gough now at Tottenham, United's back four for today's game — which starts at the unearthly hour of 11.00 a.m. British time — will be the most inexperienced since they started out in Europe 20 years ago.

Gary McGinnis, John Clark and Dave Beaumont will all play. Their collective experience amounts to just nine games.

No wonder Jim McLean, the manager, was moved to say: "This will be by far our stiffest test. However I'll still field a 4-3-3 formation.

"This still isn't an excuse for us not trying to score. To sit back and defend will only invite trouble".

And there will be enough of that anyway. United are guaranteed a torrid time at the Stade Central where a partisan 50,000 capacity crowd is anticipated.

Over to you, partner: Francesco Moser, of Italy, hands a winning lead to British colleague, Tony Doyle (left), for the last lap of the Grenoble six-day cycle race in the French Alps

SKIING

Slaloming on Berlin rubble hill

Berlin (AP) — A World Cup slalom ski race will be held on December 28 on a 396-foot West Berlin "mountain" that originated from a heap of Second World War rubble, officials have announced here.

The three Western Allies who oversee the city have approved the opening of a ski lift on the Teufelsberg (Devil's Mountain) to make the event possible, according to Thomas Homan, spokesman for the United States diplomatic mission in West Berlin.

An American radar station occupies the summit of the hill, which lies in the Grunewald forest section of West Berlin. The western sector of this Four Power city is surrounded by communist East Germany. East Berlin is the postwar Soviet-controlled zone.

Stefan Heise of the (West) Berlin Ski Association said the West German and international ski federations had agreed to hold the slalom race here in connection with ceremonies marking the 750th anniversary of the city next year.

Teufelsberg, the largest elevation in Berlin, has a vertical drop of 264 feet and will offer a 1,320-foot long course for the slalom race, Heise said. If the weather is not cooperative, snow-making cannons will be used to lay a good ski surface.

The hill has long been a popular winter recreation spot for West Berliners, but has never hosted an international ski event. Heise said there were roughly 200,000 skiers among West Berlin's 1.9 million population.

SNOOKER

King knocks Parrott off his perch

John Parrott, from Liverpool, became the first major casualty of the Dulux British Open tournament at Solihull yesterday. Parrott, ranked 17th in the world, was beaten 5-1 by Warren King, the Australian champion, in the third round.

Parrott took the first frame in his attempt to reach the last 32 of a tournament that will resume at Derby in February, but King produced a series of telling breaks, including a clearance of 71 in the fifth frame, before sealing victory.

Kirk Stevens, ranked ninth in the world, scraped to his first victory of the season on Monday night, edging out his fellow Canadian, Robert Chaperon, 5-4 to reach the last 32. The nervous Stevens had been 3-1 down, but he eventually won the deciding frame on the colours to earn himself his first ranking point of the season.

Sport in need of extra £4 million

The Sports Council is calling for a £4 million increase from the Government to cover its budget for 1987/88. But John Wheatley, Sports Council director, said: "We have no idea whether we will get it, although we have energetically made our case for the increase."

For 1986/87, the council asked for £8 million to cover its budget but received only £5 million. This time it lists these sums as extras: £800,000 for community participation, £400,000 to support governing bodies, £500,000 for national indoor arenas, £1.7 million for regional and local facilities, £500,000 for public relations and £100,000 for research.

Full Sports Council backing is being given for the construction of an internationally-sized ice rink in Liverpool. The ice pad will be the full 60 metres by 30 metres, the measurement required for championship contests. The stadium will have a 5,500 seating capacity, which can be extended, and could potentially be used by many other sports.

Merseyside Development Corporation are putting up £4.45 million of the £8.45 million cost with the rest coming from the private sector. Work is expected to start early in the new year with completion in 1989.

Meanwhile, the Sports Council and the Central Council for Physical Recreation seem on the verge of settling their long conflict over the running of sport in Britain. According to John Smith, chairman of the Sports Council, "We have reached an agreement so far as the defining roles of the two bodies are concerned."

It is the first time the roles have been defined since the royal charter in 1972 when the Sports Council was created from the CCPR to distribute funds and promote mass participation in sport.

Smith added: "It hasn't been easy, but nevertheless we have reached agreement and we hope we can build on this. "It doesn't alter the original agreement. All we've done is to define our roles vis-a-vis one another.

"It is something that has been sadly lacking in sport, when you consider we go back to 1972 and we have only just reached agreement now."

He also disclosed that the council is to set up an international committee to advise the Government on drug abuse and football hooliganism. "I have ben very keen on having a committee representing all the best interests of sport" he said.

"We have taken that a stage further by establishing a policy group to advise us before specific proposals are placed before the Sports Council."

The size of the group has yet to be defined and the Council have given themselves a deadline of six weeks to make the appointments.

ATHLETICS

Victim of success

New York (AP) — The success of the New York City Marathon has created a problem, according to Fred Lebow, the race director. The field is now in danger of becoming too large.

One day after what he called "our most successful marathon ever" in the 17-year history of the race, Lebow said: "I think we've reached our limit. This is it."

He was referring to the size of the field, which reached 20,502, the largest ever for a marathon in the United States. Of those starters — revised from Sunday's figure of 20,141 — a total of 19,412 finished, another record and an exceptionally high percentage. Those were big increases over last year's race record totals of 16,705 starters and 15,887 finishers.

Lebow explained that when the mass of runners gathered for the start, they were "backed into the toll booths at the Verrazano (Narrows Bridge)." It took the women runners an age to get off. "When the lead runners were at the one-mile mark, some of the runners hadn't even reached the starting line."

Lebow forecast: "We probably will reduce the field next year." If so, it would mark only the second reduction since the first New York race in 1970, with 127 starters, of whom one was a woman. The only time there was a drop in the number of starters was 1982, when 14,308 began the race, compared with 14,496 in 1981.

Allan Steinfeld, the race technical director, was also surprised at the size of last Sunday's field. "We expected to have fewer people competing," he said. "Not as many people cancelled as we thought."

Steinfeld said that 23,990 people registered for the race, 22,310 picked up their race numbers and there were only 1,808 absentees. He noted that it took the lead men approximately 1 minute 50 seconds to get going, and between four and five minutes to get clear of the starting crowd.

Providing the leading runners with a much speedier getaway remained a major problem, he admitted.

CRICKET

ICC will not ban English players linked to S Africa

By Paul Martin

The International Cricket Conference (ICC), which ended its special meeting in Delhi yesterday, has refrained from taking measures to ban from international competition English cricketers who are currently playing or coaching in South Africa.

Jack Bailey, ICC secretary, said that in a debate on cricketing links with the Republic, no moves were made for Greg Thomas and tens of county players who have taken on engagements in South Africa this winter to be "treated differently from any other English players" at next year's World Cup in India and Pakistan.

Similarly, the eligibility of Graham Gooch and other English tourists to South Africa, who have completed three year test bans, was not in doubt.

A West Indian resolution is to be proposed at the ICC's annual meeting in July, at committing all cricket-playing countries to a uniform interpretation of the Commonwealth's Gleneagles Agreement.

The West Indian Board secretary, Steve Camacho, last week said that their resolution would not be "retrospective".

Intervention or pressure from the Indian and Pakistani governments was a factor that Bailey admitted could well come into play later. Both countries' delegates are deeply anxious to avoid disruption of an event being held on the subcontinent for the first time.

Lieutenant-Colonel Rafi Nasim, the Pakistan Board's secretary, hoped that players who had not breached the agreement would not be punished, but was unclear over the distinction that might be drawn between major and minor violations.

The new resolution will, by ICC rules, have to enjoy the support of either England or Australia, and obtain the votes of five of the seven full members.

● Delhi (AFP) — unprecedented fines will be meted out in next year's one-day World Cup, to be staged in India and Pakistan, to try to ensure that teams bowl their required 50 overs. ICC secretary Jack Bailey said that the penalties for a team bowling four overs short in the final could be higher than the prize of £35,000.

Revised World Cup schedule

GROUP A (in India): October 9-10, 1987: India v Australia (Madras); 10-11: New Zealand v Zimbabwe (Hyderabad); 13-14: Australia v Zimbabwe (Madras); 14-15: India v New Zealand (Bangalore); 17-18: India v Zimbabwe (Bombay); 18-19: Australia v New Zealand (Indore); 22-23: India v Australia (Delhi); 23-24: New Zealand v Zimbabwe (Calcutta); 26-27: India v Zimbabwe (Ahmedabad); 27-28: Australia v New Zealand (Chandigarh); 30-31: Australia v Zimbabwe (Cuttack); Oct 31-Nov 1: India v New Zealand (Nagpur).

GROUP B (in Pakistan unless stated): October 8-9, 1987: Pakistan v Sri Lanka (Hyderabad); 9-10: West Indies v England (Gujranwala); 12-13: Pakistan v England (Rawalpindi); 13-14: Sri Lanka v West Indies (Karachi); 16-17: Pakistan v West Indies (Lahore); 17-18: England v Sri Lanka (Peshawar); 20-21: Pakistan v England (Karachi); 21-22: West Indies v Sri Lanka (Kanpur, India); 25-26: Pakistan v Sri Lanka (Faisalabad); 26-27: England v West Indies (Jaipur, India); 30-31: Sri Lanka v England (Pune, India); 30-31: Pakistan v West Indies (Karachi).

SEMI-FINALS: November 4-5: Lahore; 5-6: Bombay.

FINAL: November 8-9: Calcutta.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Hanley waits for specialist advice

By Keith Macklin

For several weeks now, the injured knee of Ellery Hanley has been a source of considerable concern to the player, Wigan, and Great Britain.

The knee has tended to swell up after every game, and Hanley, a tough character not given to complaining about injuries, has admitted that his knee is "sore". As a result, he is to visit a specialist today in the hope that the knee may be declared fit enough for him to take his place in the centre for Great Britain against Australia at Elland Road on Saturday.

It has been a moderately well-kept secret that Hanley's knee is giving him far more trouble than has been admitted. He played a leading part in the 62-10 rout of Wakefield Trinity last Sunday but, again, his knee was swollen afterwards.

Despite the optimistic noises coming yesterday from the Great Britain camp, the injury must make Hanley more than a little doubtful for the international.

The Great Britain coach, Maurice Bamford, has consequently brought into the training squad the St Helens winger, Barrie Ledger. This gives him the option of moving Tony Marchant into the centre, his normal club position at Castleford, should Hanley fail today's examination.

Otherwise Bamford has pinned his faith on the same 15 players who appeared in the 38-16 defeat in the first international at Old Trafford. Bamford has been criticized in several areas for his choice, which many people regard as being more a tribute to his loyalty than to his judgement. However, Bamford believes that his squad cannot play as badly again as they did at Old Trafford, and that they will have learned a great deal from their first painful brush with the Australia team.

The squad will train at Elland Road today, giving the players plenty of opportunity to acclimatize themselves to yet another fine football enclosure. The Australians will, of course, be granted a similar facility.

The Great Britain squad will then move on overnight to their training camp headquarters at Shaw Hill Golf and Country Club at Chorley, Lancashire. There, Bamford is sure to lay greater emphasis on ball handling, backing up and running in possession — areas of basic play in which Great Britain were sadly lacking in the first international and in which they were taught severe and painful lessons by the Australians.

Tickets for the match are selling furiously at the Rugby League headquarters in Leeds and there is every sign of another full house. The capacity of Elland Road is 39,000 and only several hundred of the 19,000 seats remained to be sold last night.

TENNIS

Injury forces out Lendl

Ivan Lendl has withdrawn from this week's European Community Championship (ECC) in Antwerp because a persistent hip problem could no longer be ignored (Rex Bellamy writes). The vacancy in the 24-man draw has been filled by Jean Fleurian, of France.

Lendl has won the ECC three times in four attempts, earning more than £450,000 in prize money plus a diamond-studded gold racket valued at almost £500,000, which was on offer to anyone who could win the title three times in five years. A similar racket is again on offer and the most obvious contender for it is John McEnroe, the 1983 winner. This week McEnroe is seeded third, behind Yannick Noah and Miloslav Mecir.

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Leicester

Going: good

11.30 (1m 2f) 1, PRIME NUMBER (T Quinn, 10-1); 2, Common Farm (P Robinson, 7-1); 3, Turmeric (R Cochrane, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 5 fav Philosopical, 6 Capricorn Blue (6th), 7 Miss Timed, 8 Willow Gorge, Carvery, 10 Chevet Lady (5th), 12 Lydia Eva, 14 Dress In Spring, 16 Eastern Player (4th), 20 Cheerful Times, 33 Gay Starlight. 14 ran. NR: Matelot Royale. 4l, nk, 6l, 2½l, 8l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £18.20; £4.80, £8.80, £1.40. DF: £23.20. CSF: £81.99.

12.0 (1m) 1, BETTY JANE (W Carson, 6-5 fav); 2, Dragon's Blood (Paul Eddery, 4-1); 3, Clopton (P Robinson, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Forum's Folly, 10 Palace Song (5th), 12 Jonite (4th), 16 Nabras (6th), 33 Avenio, Charlie Dickins, Design Wise, Kurdish Prince, Magnolia Dancer, Marcovich, Model Lad, Pialuci, Needwood Nymph, Twice Bitten. 17 ran. 1l, ¾l, nk, 5l, sh hd. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £1.60; £1.30, £1.90, £1.50. DF: £4.30. CSF: £6.38. After a stewards' inquiry the result stands.

12.30 (1m) 1, SHOOTING PARTY (W Ryan, 5-5 fav); 2, Fearless Man (T Ives, 3-1); 3, Lily Mab (Gay Kelleway, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Devon Lass, 12 Ramberge (4th), 20 Anorada (5th), 25 Gerunsy, 33 Don't Yer Know, Gifted Nephew (6th), Glover's Kind, Ulysses, Connaught's Joy, Dreemskerry, Main Rocket, Tuneful Flutter, Parkers Joy. 16 ran. NR: Lollie Dancing. 4l, 1l, 1l, nk, 1l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £2.10, £3.00. DF: £3.60. CSF: £4.92.

1.0 (1m) 1, FRENCH GOLDOLIER (Paul Eddery, 3-1); 2, Broken Hearted (T Quinn, 15-8 fav); 3, Grand Eclipse (Gay Kelleway, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Sharp Ego, 10 Cajun Dancer, 16 Cl Siamo (5th), 33 Augustus Caesar, Burly Native, Fair Moon, Final Rush, Magnolia Princess, Scallykath, Westminster Waltz, Home To Tara, Piracy (6th), Souleiadou (4th), Barmera, Pps Little Secret. 18 ran. 2½l, 4l, 2l, 1l, 1½l. O Douieb at Newmarket. Tote: £5.70; £2.40, £1.30, £8.80. DF: £3.30. CSF: £6.85.

1.30 (1m) 1, SALAZIE (W Carson, 8-1); 2, Imperial Brush (A McGlone, 4-1); 3, Salopard (T Lucas, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Cammarino (4th), 9-2 Statutory, 15-2 Star north (5th), 10 Carpet Capers, 14 One To Note, Slippery Max (6th), 20 The Geelcham, 33 Khattat, Swing Singer, Try Hills Supplies, Oh Wiggy, Via Veritas, Market Spirit, Ra Raver. 17 ran. sh hd, 7½l, 7l, 1l, nk. W Hastings-Bass at Newmarket. Tote: £13.90; £5.40, £1.90, £22.90. DF: £28.90. CSF: £41.46. Imperial Brush finished, after a stewards' inquiry was placed second.

2.0 (1m 4f) 1, JULTOWN LAD (R Morse, 10-1); 2, Sleepline Duchess (R Carter, 6-1); 3, Jubilee Jamboree (P Robinson, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Way Above (5th), 5 Fire Lord, 6 Sandy Bill, 10-1 Name The Day, Sunlit (6th), 11 Tyrannise, 14 Haj, 20 Golden Azelia (4th), Worth Debating, Expert Witness, 33 Platinum Star, Montbergis. 15 ran. 1½l, 1l, 1½l, 4l, 1½l. H Beasley at Marlborough. Tote: £17.80; £1.40, £3.20, £3.00. DF: £168.10. CSF: £77.10. Tricast: £380.98. Bought in 2,000 gns.

2.30 (1m 2f) 1, HOT MOMMA (Paul Eddery, 9-2); 2, Plain Talk (P Bretts, 7-2 fav); 3, Rymos (S Whitworth, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Poro Boy, Vilrax, 10 Jazziel (pu), 12 Baytino (4th), No Bolder, 14 Miss Becca (5th), Dora Frost, 16 Royal Effigy, 20 Lady Windmill (6th), Delta Lima, 33 Hillison, Pointon's Progress. 15 ran. nk, 1½l, 1l, 4l, 3l. R Boss at Newmarket. Tote: £4.20; £2.20, £1.40, £3.80. DF: £7.20. CSF: £20.84.

3.0 (7f) 1, BARCLAY STREET (J Reid, 10-1); 2, Navarzato (A Shoults, 5-2 fav); 3, Actalizations (R Cochrane, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Mawsuff (4th), Sloan (5th), 8 Something Casual, 16 Broadhurst, Paris Trader (6th), 20 Quinta Reef, 25 Pointed Lady, 33 Palmion, Mia Jubes, Mudisha, Bugatti, Saraha Shadow, Pershing, Sparky Lad, Tit Willow, Lady Eurolink, Sybil Fawlty. 20 ran. 2l, ½l, 3l, 2½l, sh hd. I Matthews at Newmarket. Tote: £11.20; £3.30, £2.30, £1.80. DF: £28.20. CSF: £34.95.

3.30 (1m) 1, HAATIF (R Hills, Evens fav); 2, Roshleen (T Quinn, 7-1); 3, Granny Bimps (A Shoults, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 14 Combined Exercise (4th), Dreaming River, 20 Mansio (5th), 25 Rosy Cheeks, 33 Al Fayes, Balholm Express, Farmers Gamble, Festive Occasion, Linco King, Regal Brass, Double Gift, Hail A Cab, Meldon Hill, Nautical Belle (6th). 17 ran. NR: Bumptious Boy. 1l, 5l, 3l, 2l, 8l. H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. Tote: £2.00; £1.36, £2.60, £1.90. DF: £8.10. CSF: £8.39.

4.0 (7f) 1, LOUD APPEAL (A Kimberley, 14-1); 2, Min Allah (Paul Eddery, 12-1); 3, Juilliard (J Reid, 12-1). ALSO RAN: Evens fav Afternoon Winner (5th), 5 Henryk, 10 Stubble Fire (4th), 11 Bel Byou, 14 Jade Hunter (6th), 25 Timbuck, 33 Arquati Redwood, Ash-Dee Royale, Grape, Jeff Harris, Lyncombe Boy, Busted Harmony, Harusi. 16 ran. NR: Frimley Parkson, Melrow. sh hd, nk, nk, sh hd, 1l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £14.90; £4.20, £1.50, £2.20. DF: £54.70. CSF: £160.13.

Placepot: £144.00.

Fontwell Park

Going: good

1.15 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Steamy (H Davies, 16-1); 2, Chesterfield (5-1 fav); 3, Pass Ashore (13-2); 4, Stingo (20-1). 22 ran. Nk, nk. D Oughton. Tote: £37.80; £4.80, £1.90, £1.70, £9.20. DF: £53.60. CSF: £84.48. Tricast: £519.86. Bought in 1,400 guineas.

1.45 (2m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Bright Morning (J Akehurst, 8-1); 2, Graceful Heir (13-8 fav); 3, Tom Tailor (11-2). 7 ran. 4l, 12l. D Grissell. Tote: £8.40; £1.70, £2.10. DF: £14.40. CSF: £20.72.

2.15 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Hot Handed (R Dunwoody, 5-1); 2, The Diplomat (7-1); 3, Paris North (P Scudamore, 16-1). Intender 7-4 fav. 10 ran. 1l, 2½l. C Nash. Tote: £4.30; £1.50, £1.30, £2.60. DF: £9.70. CSF: £35.85. Tricast: £468.11.

2.45 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Owen Glendower (B Dowling, 5-1); 2, Brit (9-2); 3, Final Clear (100-30). Laurence Rambler 2-1 fav. 7 ran. NR: Southdown Spirit. 12l, dist. R Holder. Tote: £8.20; £5.20, £4.00. DF: £12.00. CSF: £25.85.

3.15 (2m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Eprysea (G McCourt, 33-1); 2, Cumrew (5-4 fav); 3, Texas Turkey (11-2). 8 ran. 1½l, 15l. Mrs C Reavey. Tote: £29.40; £3.50, £1.30, £1.60. DF: £37.10. CSF: £71.58.

3.45 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Pin's Pride (E Murphy, 7-4 fav); 2, Wrong Righted (14-1); 3, Mister Christian (14-1). 16 ran. NR: Song Of Christie. 8l, 8l. J Gifford. Tote: £3.50; £1.60, £2.60, £5.20. DF: £33.80. CSF: £25.56.

Placepot: £[illegible].

Sedgefield

Going: good

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, Pink Sensation (P Niven, 7-2 fav); 2, Norton Warrior (5-1); 3, Tumba (15-2). 18 ran. 10l, 8l. Mrs G Reveley. Tote: £5.80; £1.90, £2.60, £1.90. DF: £8.80. CSF: £24.38.

2.0 (2m ch) 1, Slieve Bracken (N Fearn, 13-2); 2, Master Croft (14-1); 3, Nero Wolf (11-1). Sir Lester (8-11 fav). 8 ran. NR: Parson's Pride. 10l, 15l. P Blockley. Tote: £5.20; £1.50, £1.50, £2.00. DF: £39.00. CSF: £76.19. No bid.

2.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, Oaken (C Grant, 10-1); 2, Baninas Star (5-4 fav); 3, Scottish Simbir (9-2). 14 ran. NR: Spey Hawk, Perfect Image. 1½l, 8l. Denys Smith. Tote: £19.10; £3.40, £1.40, £1.40. DF: £15.00. CSF: £24.38.

3.0 (3m 600yd ch) 1, Duncombe Palace (N Doughty, 13-8 fav); 2, Easter Brig (5-1); 3, Cottage Leas (16-1). 7 ran. 2½l, 1½l. J M Jefferson. Tote: £2.50; £1.70, £2.00. DF: £5.60. CSF: £10.13.

3.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Firmament (M Dwyer, 6-1); 2, Senor Ramos (11-8 fav); 3, Dorego (10-1). 13 ran. NR: Ark Invader, Ponderonis. 8l, 4l. Mrs C Postlethwaite. Tote: £6.50; £2.00, £1.40, £2.40. DF: £19.90. CSF: £16.38.

4.0 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Bollin Palace (L Wyer, 9-2); 2, Doughty Rebel (11-10 fav); 3, Miniature Miss (16-1). 9 ran. 6l, ½l. M H Easterby. Tote: £4.70; £1.50, £1.70, £2.30. DF: £3.00. CSF: £9.60. Tricast: £66.03.

Placepot: £36.75.

MOTOR RALLYING

Spectators follow the stars

Each one of the 45 special stages on this year's Lombard RAC Rally has been graded according to its spectator suitability. The system, like that used to identify the best hotels around the country, uses a star system grading the locations from one to four.

A four star stage offers best viewing, car parking, safe protected viewing areas, a public commentary and ease of access. One star identifies the stage as difficult viewing, no car parking, difficult access, a long walk and carries the additional advice — forget it!

The system was devised by Malcolm Neill, the clerk of the course, who said: "In the past there has been no grading system and spectators didn't know what to expect. The result was that a lot of people went to bad viewing places and came away disappointed. We hope this new system will help them find the three and four star places where they will be able to see the cars easily and in comfort."

All of the nine spectator stages on the first day, Sunday, November 16, carry the four star rating as are the service areas and *parcs fermés*, where the event stops each evening.

The first of the four star night halts is at the Royal Yorkshire showground, in Harrogate, at about 7.15 p.m. on the Sunday evening. Spectators will be able to see the cars returning and "wrapping up" for the night and hear the leading drivers being interviewed. Car parking is free and admission charges are £2 for adults and £1 for accompanied children under 15.

Monday evening at Ingliston, just outside Edinburgh, promises to be a top attraction as the halt is combined with the last stage of the day on the famous Scottish race circuit. The show gets on the road at 7.0 p.m. and the admission charge is £4 per person. Parking is free. It is Liverpool's turn to play host on Tuesday evening — at 5.45 p.m. — when the action takes place in the new Albert Dock complex. Again there is free parking and an admission fee of £2 per head.

The finish at Great Pulteney Street, in Bath, at 8.15 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19, also rates four stars.

The youngest competitor on this year's rally is Guy Anderson, aged 19, from Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire, who will be driving in his third RAC Lombard Rally — the previous two have ended in retirement. He drives in a Group N 1600cc Talbot Ti with his co-driver, Ant Rands, aged 36, from Chiswick, London.

In contrast, the oldest driver will be Harry Mellor, aged 57, from Derrington, near Stafford. A seasoned campaigner with 31 years rallying behind him, Mellor is driving a 1300cc Lada Riva, co-driven by Eddie Bastiana, also aged 57, from Hyde in Cheshire.

One person hoping for a double celebration is Alex Jackson, of Pontefract, Yorkshire, whose birthday is on Sunday. "No party for me this year," said Jackson, who will be at the wheel of his Opel Manta 400. The Opel carries the same registration number — TUG 5 — that was on the car he drove 15 years ago in the 1971 rally.

Phil Harris, aged 30, from Towcester, is driving on the rally for the first time but he will have his father, Leslie, alongside him to turn to for advice. Leslie has previous international experience on the Monte Carlo and the Circuit of Ireland events.

The oldest car in this year's event is the 1976 Opel Ascona of Gavin Cox, from Hathersage, Yorkshire. Cox is a motor engineer and is able to keep his 135,000-mile car in tip-top shape. This will be the fifth time the car has been entered for the RAC Lombard Rally.

The most luxurious car is likely to be the £23,000 Mercedes 190 2.3 litre Cosworth belonging to Russell Morgan, a Blackburn car salesman who will be taking part in the Group N class. "Not as quick as some," he says, "but very comfortable." Russell won his class on this year's *Manx international*.

The sponsor with the most colourful logo at this year's rally will be the pop group UB40, whose emblem will be carried on the Nissan 240RS of James Prochowski. Glasgow-born but now resident in Solihull, Prochowski is taking part in the rally for the first time.

The leading women taking part include Louise Aitken-Walker, from Lamplugh, Cumbria, and Ellen Morgan, of Wilmslow, Cheshire. Aitken-Walker competes in a Nissan 240RS and is favourite for the women's prize and a good placing overall.

SQUASH RACKETS

Dittmar has to struggle to beat Harvey

Toulouse (AFP) — Chris Dittmar, the former world No. 2, had to battle for an hour and save a match point as he struggled through to the second round of the qualifying section at the world championships here yesterday.

The Australian, once among the very few even capable of giving Jahangir Khan, the world champion, a run for his money, returned to the courts in September after 13 months on the sidelines because of a knee injury.

Dittmar is battling here for one of the eight places in the first round proper, which gets under way tomorrow of the championships. And battle was exactly what the Australian, now down at 34 in the world, had to do yesterday to dispose of the Neil Harvey, of Britain, ranked 151 in the world.

Beaten by Jahangir in last year's British Open final, he threw away a two-game lead before finally winning the match 9-7, 9-5, 3-9, 6-9, 10-8. Having saved that match point in the final game, which lasted 15 minutes, he charged back to take the match but admitted afterwards: I'm very slow, I've got to get quicker. It is very important that I do well here because I need confidence.

Of his opponent, Dittmar commented: "I played Harvey in the first round of the British Open so I knew he was a good player. On the circuit these days every match is hard, there is more strength in depth."

BOWLS

Guile of Price overcomes forceful Poole

By a Special Correspondent

Even in a game as traditional as bowls there are successful initiatives and innovations. It may be more traditional to decide a singles game over 21 shots, but the quicker seven-up sets concept has proved popular with the leading players.

Indeed, some of the more laconic players confess that the sudden-death implication of "sets" play enforces a degree of concentration sometimes lacking in their normal style.

Qualifiers for the quarter-finals of the CIS UK singles at the Preston Guild Hall are those who win the best of five sets, a fairer deal than the best of three quickies of the first round.

There was no denying who was the better player in the game between Swansea's John Price, and Tony Poole of Shrewsbury. Price's victory by three sets to one was well deserved, although the crown green man put up spirited resistance. Poole's frequent use of the firing shot was ample evidence of Price's superiority on the draw, but his success rate was good enough to make it an absorbing contest.

Over three sets, Poole might have won, but in a longer game the advantage was always with the lean, bespectacled Welshman, who, at 26, has already won a full set of national titles.

Poole ditched the jack several times to spoil Price's artistry, but it was fitting that, in the end, it was a misdirected drive from Poole which left Price's winning shot nestling close to the jack.

SECOND ROUND: J Price (Wales) bt T Poole (Crown Green) 7-6, 5-7, 7-4, 7-3.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

Just the boys for a London clean-up

CHOICE

● I doubt very much if it really happened that way, but a picture has come into my mind of the production team puzzling over who to get as narrator for **The Boys from the Smelly Stuff** (BBC1, 9.40pm), and some clever spark, seeing a sort of link, suggesting the actor who plays Dirty Den, in *EastEnders* — Leslie Grantham. In all other respects, Jane Oliver's documentary steers clear of the clever stuff and paints a straighforward picture of a city that seems hell-bent on disappearing under a mountain of refuse. Eight hundred tons of it every day. And every bit of it to be shifted by the men and women of the City of Westminster's cleansing department. Everything from dead bodies found in doorways, empty handbags discarded by Oxford Street thieves, and a five-year accumulation of rat-nibbled food left behind by a Polish recluse to the horse droppings on the processional route to the Abbey during the royal wedding in July and the drug addicts' hyperdermic needles that gave a ladies loo attendant a nasty moment or two when she had to get rid of them. As the Knightsbridge lady says when stepping gingerly through the shoppers' detritus: "If you're visual, its absolutely excruciating". But if she is right in complaining that people who go to Harrods ought to know better, then the same must be true of those folk lower down the social scale who, on the way to the reception, put their wedding gifts outside their front doors in black bags and then complained when the boys from the smelly stuff cart them off and toss them into their mobile crushers. The cleaning department are not without allies. There is a lady in Queensway who takes photographs of rotting restaurant refuse and sends them to the local health authority. One hounded restaurateur ended up in an asylum. "I like to think," says the avenging angel, with more than a hint of satisfaction, "that I contributed to that."

● The camera wielded by another woman, Margaret Monck, in Channel Four's documentary series **Five Women Photographers** (8.00pm) served a very different sort of cause. The 500 pictures she took between 1935 and 1939 were of London's East End: market stallholders, meat porters, children at play, street-corner politicians, steamships and sailing ships on the Thames, and Saffron Hill Italians sitting at their al fresco tables, for all the world as if they were still back home in Naples. The net result of Miss Monck's photographic activity was to have been a book about life in a part of a city that could have been a thousand miles away from what she calls "the chilly squares of Belgravia". In the event, her evocative pictures were never published. All the more reason, then, to welcome tonight's modestly made film which gives the viewing public a first chance to see them, and praise them.

● Richard Everett's play **Something to Say** (Radio 4, 3.00pm) details a husband's reaction to his wife's confession that she has fallen in love with someone else. It is an extremely perceptive account of sublimated heartbreak.

Peter Davalle

Wash and brush-up brigade: The Boys from the Smelly Stuff (BBC1, 9.40pm)

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Debbie Greenwood. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather, and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00.
9.05 The Harrisons Don't Go to School. A 40 Minutes programme about an education authority's attempt by legal means to force a family to comply with a School Attendance Order. (r) **9.45 Advice Shop.** Margo MacDonald with help on social security problems **10.00 Neighbours** (r).
10.25 Phillip Schofield with news of children's television programmes, and birthday greetings. **10.30 Play School. 10.50 Henry's Cat.** (r).
10.55 Five to Eleven. Joanna Lumley's thought for the day **11.00 Day Out.** Angela Rippon visits the Somerset Levels. (r) **11.30 Open Air.** Viewers' comment on yesterday's television programmes **12.25 Star Memories.** Paul Daniels recalls his favourite television moments **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 News with Martyn Lewis. Weather.
1.25 Neighbours. Weekday drama serial set in a Melbourne suburb **1.50 Little Misses.** Pauline Collins and John Alderton with Little Miss Plump.
2.00 Film: The Miracle Worker (1979) starring Patty Duke Astin and Melissa Gilbert. A made-for-television biopic of Helen Keller, the girl born blind, deaf and dumb, who was given a meaning to life when her parents engaged Annie Sullivan to rescue Helen from darkness and solitude. Directed by Paul Aaron.
3.40 Save a Life. Dr Alan Maryon-Davis's emergency first aid series. (Ceefax)
3.50 Pinny's House 4.00 Animal Fair with Don Spencer **4.05 The Adventures of Bullwinkle and Rocky.** Part one of Ruby Yacht. (r) **4.10 Heathcliffe and Co.** Cartoon adventures of an alley cat **4.35 Hartbeat.** Drawing the Tony Hart way.
5.00 John Craven's Newsround 5.05 The Cuckoo Sister. Episode two of the drama serial in four parts **5.35 Masterteam.**
6.00 News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Wogan. The guests include magician Fay Presto, and via satellite, actor Don Johnson. Plus a song from Boxcar Willie.
7.35 The Muppet Show with guest, singer and dancer, Sandy Duncan.
8.00 Dallas. J.R., fighting for survival in the oil industry, faces domestic treachery in the shape of Sue Ellen; and Miss Ellen makes a startling discovery in Wes Parmerlee's bunkhouse. (Ceefax)
8.50 Points of View. Barry Took with another selection of letters from the BBC's postbag.
9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the SDP.
9.10 News with John Humphrys and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.
9.40 Boys from the Smelly Stuff. The work of the City of Westminster's Cleansing Department employees. (see Choice)
10.30 Sportsnight introduced by Steve Rider. **Boxing:** highlights from last night's bouts at Wembley between Herol Graham and Mark Kaylor; and Jim McDonell and Joey Carabello; **Bowls:** the CIS Insurance United Kingdom Indoor Singles Bowls Championship.
11.40 Discovering Animals. The final programme in the series on Britain's mammals. (r)
12.05 Weather.

Joanna Joseph, left, and Shelley Measures, in the children's drama serial, The Cuckoo Sister: BBC 1 5.05pm

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax.
9.15 Daytime on Two: the vehicle industry in Scotland **9.35 Ceefax 10.00** For four- and five-year olds **10.15** The world as seen through the eyes of insects **10.38** Seeing a virus through an electron microscope; and the prevention of tooth decay **11.00** Words and pictures.
11.17 How to enjoy water recreation in safety **11.40** Sexism in education **12.02** Maths: statistics **12.25** Working in graphic design **12.48** Spanish **1.10** Part two of the series on the state of English law **1.38** A profile of a street in Stirling **2.00** Thinkabout **2.15** Part two of the story of a young buzzard.
2.35 Championship Bowling. The CIS Insurance United Kingdom Indoor Singles Bowls Championship, introduced by David Icke from the Guild Hall, Preston. (includesregional news and weather at3.55)
5.30 Cover to Cover presented by Jill Neville. The books under review are Caitlin, Dylan Thomas's widow's autobiography; Free Frenchman, a novel by Piers Paul Read; and Heartburn, Nora Ephron's comic novel about scandals among the high society of the United States.
6.00 Up Pompeii! Comedy starring Frankie Howerd as a slave in ancient Rome. (shown in March 1970)
6.30 All Creatures Great and Small. An episode from the series based on the books by James Herriot. (shown in January 1978)
7.20 The Billy Cotton Band Show* with guests Russ Conway, Frankie Vaughan, and Spike Milligan. (shown in May 1964)
8.10 Gale is Dead. A deeply touching documentary from the Man Alive series tracing the tragic life of a young woman who died a drug addict at 19 years of age. After being abandoned by her mother as a baby, Gale spent her formative years in a succession of children's homes and remand homes, ending up in Holloway Prison where she was introduced to drugs. (shown in May 1970)
9.00 Hedda Gabler. Janet Suzman, Ian McKellan and Tom Bell star in this adaptation of Ibsen's play about a brilliant and beautiful woman who is married to a dull, pedantic professor of history. Directed by Waris Hussein. (shown in October 1972)
10.50 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the SDP.
11.00 Newsnight includes a report from Charles Wheeler on the United States' mid-term elections.
11.45 Late Night Line-Up with Joan Bakewell, Denis Tuohy, Michael Dean and Tony Bilbow.
12.30 Weather.

ITV LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Schools: maths - the number seven **9.42** Children's fears and fantasies about a lonely old woman who lives in a strange house **9.58** Maths: triangles **10.16** Physics: the Rutherford scattering of alpha particles **10.33** Differing views of Tennyson's The Charge of the Light Brigade **11.00** A contemporary account of the 1930 German election results **11.22** Old and ethnic music **11.39** A tour of Paris.
12.00 The Giddy Game Show. (r) **12.10 Our Backyard.** (r) **12.30 Survival: The Ways of the Walrus.** In spring the cows and calves travel northwards from the Bering Sea, while the bulls travel in other directions. (r)
1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin **1.20 Thames news** presented by Robin Houston.
1.30 A Country Practice. Episode one of a new series of the drama set in Australian rural community's health clinic **2.30 Farmhouse Kitchen.** Grace Mulligan makes Lazy Pastry. The first of a new series.
3.00 Take the High Road. Is the local school teacher guilty of injuring one of her pupils? **3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 Sons and Daughters.** Episode 445 and Amanda seems to have blackmailed Wayne into submission.
4.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends, narrated by Ringo Starr **4.10 The Trap Door.** Cartoon series **4.20 Garfield in Paradise.** Cartoon about a cat. **4.50 Hold Tight!** with guest, Jaki Graham.
5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart **6.00 Thames news**
6.25 Help! John Murray with news of the Benefit of the Month - Family Income Supplement.
6.35 Crossroads. Tracey's 21st birthday celebrations heighten tensions.
7.00 This is Your Life. Eamonn Andrews surprises another unsuspecting worthy.
7.30 Coronation Street. Mavis is worried by Derek's stepson's awkward questions. (Oracle)
8.00 Strike It Lucky. Quiz game using up-to-date technology, presented by Michael Barrymore.
8.30 Full House. Comedy series about two disparate couples sharing the same house and mortgage. (Oracle)
9.00 The Equalizer starring Edward Woodward as a retired secret agent running a one-man security service in Manhattan. Tonight, kidnappers steal the wrong child and a mother's nightmare begins when she receives an exhorbitant ransom demand intended for her wealthy employers. (Oracle)
10.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the SDP.
10.10 News with Sandy Gall and Carol Barnes.
10.40 Midweek Sport Special introduced by Nick Owen. Second round, second leg matches from among the three European football club competitions. The commentators are Brian Moore and Martin Tyler.
12.10 That's Hollywood. The use of airplanes in films.
12.35 Night Thoughts.

Simone Signoret and Oskar Werner star in the 1965 film drama, Ship of Fools: Channel 4 9.00pm

TV-AM

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anneka Rice and Richard Keys. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; financial news at 6.35; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; exercises at 6.55 and 9.17; cartoon at 7.25; pop music at 7.55; and video report at 8.35. The After Nine guests are Jean Hutcheson and Peter Alexander from the cast of Emmerdale Farm; and Dr David Delvin with first aid advice on scalding.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Film: Dark Journey* (1937) starring Conrad Veidt and Vivien Leigh. Spy thriller about a German secret agent who falls for the charms of a double agent. Set in First World War Sweden. Directed by Victor Saville.
4.00 Mavis on 4. Mavis Nicholson, continuing her series, Our Public Servants, talks to four local councillors.
4.30 Countdown. Yesterday's winner of the anagrams and mental arithmetic game is challenged by Michael William Sim, a polyglot. The questionmaster is Richard Whiteley, assisted in the adjudicator's corner by Lee Peck.
5.00 Hogan's Heroes. Vintage American comedy about a group of resourceful Allied prisoners-of-war who make life hell for their German captors. Starring Bob Crane, John Banner, Robert Clary, and Werner Klemperer.
5.30 The Abbott and Costello Show*. Lou ends up in prison, sharing a cell with a homicidal inmate who goes berserk at the mention of Niagara Falls. Bud has to come to the rescue to save his friend's life.
6.00 Family Ties. American domestic comedy series about a family in which the parents are the swingers and their children the conservatives.
6.30 In Time of War 1939 - 45. Murray Sayle presents the celebrated Russian Second World War propaganda film, One Day of War, which gives an insight into Russian war efforts on all fronts. (Oracle)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Trevor McDonald and Nik Gowing.
7.50 Comment. The weekly political slot is file by Jack Ashley, Labour MP for Stoke on Trent South. **Weather.**
8.00 Five Women Photographers. This third of five programmes on British women who were professional photographers from the Thirties to the Fifties examines the work of Margaret Monck whose favourite subject was London's East End. (Oracle) (see Choice)
8.30 Diverse Reports. The last of the current affairs series and Christine Chapman examines the future for South Africa.
9.00 Film: Ship of Fools* (1965) starring Vivien Leigh, Lee Marvin, Simone Signoret, and george Segal. A portrait of the passengers on a liner travelling from Vera Cruz to Bremerhaven in 1933. Based on the novel by Katherine Anne Porter and directed by Stanley Kramer.
11.45 Film: The Last Train* (1960). Scotland Yard investigate the murder of a man found dead on the underground, clutching a revolver. With Russell napier, Lisa Daniely, and Edgar Lustgarten. Directed by Geoffrey Muller. Ends at 12.15.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 6.35pm-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 Inka. 10.05am-12.10 News and weather. SCOTLAND 9.45am-9.55 Dolphin. 9.56-10.00 Scottish news. 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland. 9.00-9.10 Party Political Broadcast (SDP in Scotland). NORTHERN ENGLAND 6.35pm-6.40 Today's Sport. 6.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Masterteam. 12.05am-12.10 News and weather. ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Sullivans 1.20 News 1.30 Short Story Theatre 2.00-2.30 Problem Page 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.35 Channel Report 10.00-10.10 Barnstormers 12.10am Bliss in Concert 12.40 Close.

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Orphans of the Wild. The work of the Chipangali Wildlife Orphanage in Zimbabwe 1.20 News 1.25-1.30 Where The Jobs Are 6.00-6.35 Northern Life 12.10am Soldiers and Preachers Too, Close.

ULSTER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Something to Treasure 1.20-1.30 Lunchtime 3.30-4.00 Wild World of Animals 6.00-6.35 Good Evening Ulster 12.10am That's Hollywood. Some of the film stars who began their career at an early age. 12.35 News, Close.

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20 News 1.30 Live at One-Thirty 2.00-2.30 That's Hollywood 3.00 Country Practice 3.55-4.00 Aubrey 6.00-6.35 Scotland Today 10.40 Scotsport 11.50 Late Call 11.55 Show Express 12.25am Close.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardens for All 1.20-1.30 News 6.00-6.35 About Anglia 12.10am I Shall Always Remember, Close.

S4C Starts: 11.10am Schools' Programmes 11.50 Interval 12.00 Film: Gift Horse* (1952) starring Trevor Howard and Richard Attenborough. Second World War seafaring drama 2.00pm Countdown 2.30 The Arabs 3.30 Flashback 4.10 Falabalam 4.20 Guto Goch A Melwen 4.35 Smyrffs 5.00 Bildowcar 5.30 I Could Do That 6.00 Brookside 6.30 Mavis on 4. Mavis Nicholson talks to four local councillors 75.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Bias Ar Fyw 8.00 Pel-Droed 9.15 Hel Straeon 10.00 Film: The Baron and the Kid (1984) A made-for-television drama starring Johnny Cash as a reformed poolroom hustler. 11.45 Diverse Reports. What the future holds for South Africa 12.15am Close.

TVS As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Survival 1.20 News 1.30 Short Story Theatre 2.00-2.30 Problem Page 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast 12.10am Bliss in Concert 12.40 Company.

HTV WEST As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Sorcerer and Mrs King become involved in a plot to smuggle gold in order to finance a revolution. Starring Kate Jackson and Bruce Boxleitner 6.00-6.35 News 12.10am Tales from the Darkside 12.40 Close.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

BORDER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Country Practice 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.35 Lookaround 12.10am Close.

GRANADA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Ten Green Bottles 1.20 Granada Reports 1.30-2.30 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) An old lady perfects a gambling system and immediately her life is in danger. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Granada Reports 6.25 This is Your Right 6.30-7.00 Crossroads. 12.10am Short Story Theatre 12.40 Close.

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardens for All 1.20-1.30 News 5.15 Gus Honeybun 5.20-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today South West 6.30-7.00 Emmerdale Farm 12.10am Postscript, Close.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 That's Hollywood 1.20-1.30 News 6.00-6.35 North Tonight 10.40 Scotsport 11.50 California Highways 12.20am News, Close.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Something to Treasure 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Hotel 6.00 Crossroads 6.25-7.00 News 12.10am New Avengers 1.10 Comedy Tonight 1.35 Jocfinder 2.35 Close.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Lunchtime Live 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 The Baron 6.00-6.35 Calendar 12.10am Movismakers 12.40-6.00 Music Box.

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Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1).
News on the hour. Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30. Sports Desks 1.05pm, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.46 (mf only). 9.55. 4.00am Colin Berry 5.30 Ray Moore 7.30 Derek Jameson 8.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 5.05 John Dunn (with special guest Bill Cotton) 7.00 Folk on 2. 8.30 The Spinners and Friends. 9.00 Listen to the Band 10.00 Can I Take That Again? 10.15 Lorne Gibson sings. 10.30 The Seven Ages. Peter Haigh talks to Godfrey Talbot. 11.00 Brian Matthew. 1.00am Charles Nove 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk (until 6.30) 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours 7.30 Development '86 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Classical Record Review 8.30 Just a Minute 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 Lyrics and Lyricists 10.00 News 10.01 Omnibus 10.30 My Music 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Street Life 11.25 A Letter From Wales (until 11.30) 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Masterpiece in Miniature 12.25 The Farming World 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours 1.30 Development '86 2.00 Outlook 2.45 Report on Religion 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Historians 3.30 Jarvis's Freyn 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Rock Salad 4.45 The World Today 5.00 News 5.09 A Letter from Wales (until 5.15) 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-four Hours 8.30 Assignment 9.00 News 9.01 Newsrock UK 9.15 Rock Salad 9.45 Recording of the Week 10.00 News 10.09 The World Today 10.25 A Letter from Wales 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Good Books 11.30 Multitrack 2 - Top Twenty 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Jarvis's Freyn 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Waveguide 1.40 Book Choice 1.45 Growing Points in Science 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Assignment 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Village of Death 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Classical Record Review (until 4.45) 5.45 The World Today.
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Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News
7.05 Concert: Schein (Suite a 5, in D minor, Banchetto musicale, No 2), Rameau (Les Niais de Sologne et deux doubles: William Christie, harpsichord), Haydn (String Quartet in B flat, Op 76 No 4, Sunrise, Liszt (Csardas macabre: Alfred Bendel, piano), Rossini (Thieving Magpie overture). 8.00 News
8.05 Concert (continued): Stenhammar (Excelsior!), Sibelius (The Origin of Fire, with Jorma Hynninen, baritone), Nielsen (Symphony No 2, The Four Temperaments). 9.00 News
9.05 This Week's Composers: The Five. Rimsky-Korsakov (Russian Easter Festival Overture), Balakirev (Nocturne in B flat: Vladimir Freshakov, piano), Borodin (Quartet No 2 in D)
10.00 Two Cantatas: Janet Baker (mezzo), with English Chamber Orchestra. Handel (La Lucrezia, with Raymond Leppard, harpsichord), Britten (Phaedra, Op 93, with Steuart Bedford, harpsichord)
10.45 Violin and piano: Ruriko Tsukahara and Harold Lester. Beethoven (Sonata in E flat major, Op 12 No 3), Ravel (Tzigane), Bartok (Rhapsody No 1 in G major)
11.30 Matinee musicale: BBC Concert Orchestra (under Pittman), with Peter Savidge (baritone), David Owen Norris (piano). Strauss (Die Fledermaus overture), Schubert (Fischerwise: Die Forelle), Beethoven (Finale, ballet music, Prometheus), Mozart (Der Vogelfanger; Ein Madchen oder Weibchen, from Magic Flute), Lanner (waltz: Die Schonbrunner), Schubert (Lied eines Schiffers an die Dioskuren, etc), Suppe (Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna overture)
12.30 The Essential Jazz Records: another Max Harrison selection. 1.00 News
1.05 Concert Hall: Louis Lortie (piano). Beethoven (Variations in F major, Op 34, and Variations and Fugue in E flat, Op 35)
2.00 Schnittke Quartets: (1) Chamellon play the Quartet No 1: Canon in memory of Stravinsky; Moz-Art a la Haydn
2.50 Record Review: another chance to hear last Saturday's edition. With Paul Vaughan. Items include an opera recordings review by Rodney Milnes, a review of new Bruckner recordings by Arnold Whittall, and Edward Seckerson on new records of works by Falla, Nielsen, Stravinsky, Rachmaninov and others
4.00 Choral Evensong: from Wells Cathedral. A live transmission. 4.55 News
5.00 Midweek Choice: Parry (Symphonic Variations: LSO), Weber (Invitation to Dance: Schnabel, piano. Mono), Monteverdi (Beatus vir),. Delius (Violin Sonata No 2: Holmes, violin, and Fenby, piano), Baermann (Adagio in D flat, wit Emma Johnson, clarinet), Eichner (Harp Concerto No 1, with Nicanor Zabaleta, soloist), d'Indy (Symphony No 2)
7.00 Debut: Simon Fischer (violin), with Peter Evans (piano).Vissarion Shebalin (Violin Sonata), Stravinsky (Russian Song: arranged by Dushkin and Stravinsky)
7.30 Rajiv Gandhi: John Keay in conversation with the Prime Minister of India
8.15 Shostakovich: Part one. Borodin String Quartet play Quartet No 3
8.50 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC. The presenter is Ian McDougall.
9.10 Shostakovich (contd): Quartet No 1, and Two Pieces for Octet, Op 11 (with Fitzwilliam Quartet)
9.40 Bruno Walter conducts Brahms: Tragic Overture, Alto Rhapsody, Song of Destiny Op 54, Symphony No 3 (with Mildred Miller, mezzo/Occidental College Concert Choir/ Columbia SO)
11.00 Chamber Music from Manchester: New London Consort. Songs of Oswald von Wolkenstein. 11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown.

Radio 4

On long wave. (s) Stereo on VHF.
5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News 6.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.0 Midweek with Libby Purves (s)
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time.
10.30 Morning Story: Happy Smile, by Tom Dale. Read by George Parson.
10.45 Daily Service. (New Every Morning, page 45) (s)
11.00 News; Travel; The Real Dynasty. William Davis talks to Jackie Collins and Charlton Heston and meets the real industrial and commercial elite of Denver, Colorado (r)
11.48 Talking Toys. Boy Symes talks to grown-ups and young people who love to play with toys, and visits a village of dolls' houses.
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer advice.
12.27 Father Brown Stories. G K Chesterton's stories with Andrew Sachs as Father Brown. Today: The Actor and the Alibi
1.00 The World at One: News
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes an interview with Marilyn Anselm, head of the Hobbs chain of stores.
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play. Something to Say, by Richard Everitee. Cast includes Maggie McCarthy and Sean Barrett (see Choice)(s)
3.47 Time for Verse. Poetry about children growing up. Presented by Roy Fuller, and read by Anthony Hyde and Hugh Dickson.
4.00 News
4.05 File on 4. Major issues at home and abroad (r)
4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra. Extracts from the notebooks of Franco Zeffirelli.
5.00 PM. News magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather.
6.00 News; Financial Report
6.30 Round Britain Quiz. Nationwide general knowledge quiz.
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 In Business. The presenter is Peter Smith.
7.45 The Reith Lectures 1986 (new series) Law, Justice and Democracy by Lord McClusky, Scottish High Court judge and a former Solicitor-General for Scotland.
8.15 Analysis: Can unemployment be beaten? Richard Layard, Professor of Economics at the London School of Economics, defends his thesis on how unemployment can be beaten, in conversation with Patrick Minford, Professor of Applied Economics at Liverpool University.
9.00 Thirty-minute Theatre: The Day Mable Became an Anchoress, by Jamette Walkinshaw. With Irene Hanion and Eileen Nicholas. The setting: a housing estate in Glasgow (r)(s)
9.30 One Man and His News (new series) David Bean recounts his meetings with animals and the people who cherish them.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes comment on the Orton Diaries, and Glorious Things, at Croydon Warehouse.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime. A Bit of a Do, by David Nobbs (8). Read by John Rowe. 10.29 Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; Weather 12.33 Shipping
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools: 11.00 Singing Together (s) 11.20 Junior Drama Workshop (s) 11.40 Reading Corner (s) 11.50 Poetry Corner. 1.55-3.00pm For Schools: 1.55 Listening Corner 2.05 Looking at Nature (s) 2.20 Let's Make a Story! (s) 2.35 Pictures In Your Mind (Poetry) 2.40 Using Unemployment 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-Time Broadcasting. Radio History 11-14: History Mysteries.

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1:1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m:VHF-90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz/1500m: VHF-92-95; LBC:1152kHz/261m: VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF95.8; BBC Radio London: 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World Service: MF 648kHz/463m.

England may lose Howe if FA fail to move quickly

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The Football Association are in danger of losing the coach of the England team. Although agreement was belatedly reached yesterday with Bobby Robson, who is expected officially to sign his contract later this week, the position of his assistant, Don Howe, has again been left open to question.

Howe has already rejected an offer from one of the top domestic clubs, believed to be Aston Villa, and he admits that he must now consider his own future. Although he was involved in the World Cup finals last summer, he has effectively been out of work since leaving Arsenal in March.

"The rest has done me a world of good," he said. "It has given me the chance to take a neutral view of the game. It has fired my enthusiasm rather than deadening it. I feel hungry now and the sooner I get back in a full-time capacity the better".

After announcing a squad that contained no surprises, Robson said that he had "ironed out one or two problems" with Bert Millichip, the chairman of the FA, and Dick Wragg, the chairman of the international committee. The role of Howe, who works on a part-time basis, also entered into the discussion.

The decision was deferred. "This is a matter for the international committee," Millichip said. "I expect there will be a meeting next week and we'll sort it out quickly. It is purely a question of whether there is a need for a full-time assistant. It is not about personnel."

The FA's vacillation serves as another example of officialdom that is anything but progressive. The authorities in England, the nation that is regarded across the world as the cradle of football, remain unreasonably reluctant to leave ancient history behind and step out of the Middle Ages.

Scarcely anywhere else in Europe, for example, are first division programmes completed on the weekend before a competitive international fixture. And of the leading countries, barely one international manager does not have the assistance of a right-hand man.

Howe, one of the best coaches in the country, may not be available for much longer. Although he concedes that "there are no firm offers at the moment", he says that he would have to give his "full consideration" to those that will doubtless be put in front of him.

The FA, a body that has become notorious for setting up a committee to set up a committee to make a decision, is facing a race against time. It will be no fault of Robson's if he loses the man he wants by his side as he travels towards the finals of the European championships.

That immediate aim will also be under threat during next Wednesday's qualifying tie against Yugoslavia. The unmistakeable strength of the opposition lies in midfield, the area that appears now to be England's weakness. Robson has lost five of his potential representatives there.

The most notable loss clearly is that of his namesake, Bryan. Robson resisted the temptation to call in replacements, even though he is also without Stevens, of Tottenham Hotspur, Reid, Bracewell and another of his namesakes, Stewart, of Arsenal.

"I already have one inexperienced midfield player in Webb and I don't think that this is the kind of match for newcomers anyway", he said. "Besides, we have enough alternatives to cater for the requirements as long as there are no more injuries this week. Then, I'll have to think again."

Apart from the omissions of Bryan Robson and Stevens, the inclusion of Wright represents the lone change from the party that was assembled last month. Robson revealed that Wright, who broke his leg in the FA Cup semi-final last season, had been watched during each of his seven first-team games for Southampton.

"He had five outings in the reserves before that so he's got over his injury," Robson said. Wright, who has taken the place of Watson in the squad, is expected to fill his role in the team as well. Robson has otherwise yet to decide whether to keep the same formation that beat Northern Ireland 3-0.

He will either ask Mabbutt to take over from the captain, and protect the talents of Hoddle, or recall Wilkins. "There is no point in saying who will come in for Bryan because there are a few domestic fixtures to negotiate first. But Wilkins has come back into the running."

England squad

Shilton (Southampton), **Woods** (Rangers), **Seaman** (Queen's Park Rangers), **Anderson** (Arsenal), **Sansom** (Arsenal), **Thomas** (Tottenham), **Butcher** (Rangers), **Wright** (Southampton), **Mabbutt** (Tottenham), **Hoddle** (Tottenham), **Wilkins** (AC Milan), **Steven** (Everton), **Hodge** (Aston Villa), **Webb** (Nottingham Forest), **Beardsley** (Newcastle), **Lineker** (Barcelona), **Hateley** (AC Milan), **Cottee** (West Ham), **Barnes** (Watford), **Waddle** (Tottenham).

Under-21 squad

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Suckling (Manchester City), **Flowers** (Southampton), **Morgan** (Leicester), **Allen** (Queen's Park Rangers), **Pearce** (Nottingham Forest), **Walker** (Nottingham Forest), **A Adams** (Arsenal), **Knight** (Sheffield Wednesday), **Rocastle** (Arsenal), **Brennan** (Ipswich), **Parker** (Hull), **Carr** (Nottingham Forest), **Clough** (Nottingham Forest), **Dozzell** (Ipswich), **Connor** (Brighton), **N Adams** (Everton), **Simpson** (Manchester City).

Robson urged to pick Webb

Brian Clough last night urged Bobby Robson not to think twice about drafting Nottingham Forest's Neil Webb into the England side against Yugoslavia next week.

"If he's looking for someone to replace Bryan Robson, he should stick Webb in right away." Clough said . "He might not be able to tackle like Robson but he is working on that and he does have other attributes."

The former Portsmouth midfield player, bought by Clough for £300,000 last year, is Forest's joint leading scorer this season with 11 goals.

● Steve Perryman, the Oxford United defender and former Tottenham captain, was due to sign for third division Brentford on the pitch before last night's home game with Notts County.

Brentford's manager, Frank McLintock, said: "We are signing Steve as assistant manager, but as he is not 35 until next month we could get a couple of seasons out of him as a player. His presence and experience will lift the whole team."

● Southampton's manager, Chris Nicholl, has dismissed reports that Newcastle United are set to sign his former England midfield player, David Armstrong, and that he is preparing to sign Manchester City's Graham Baker.

Armstrong, aged 31, has been in dispute at Southampton since the end of last season and was replaced as captain by Jimmy Case. He had a calf muscle injury recently and even though he is fit again he is unable to regain his place.

Nicholl said: "Newcastle have made no approach to me. If they do I will listen to them."

Baker, who left Southampton four years ago for £225,000, scored City's late equalizer at the Dell on Saturday in his first full game since recovering from a hamstring injury. But Nicholl stated: "I've made no approach to City for Graham."

● Noel Cantwell said yesterday he was definitely interested in making a comeback as manager of Peterborough United.

● Mickey Droy and Brian Sparrow are doubtful for Crystal Palace's Littlewoods Cup replay at Nottingham Forest tonight.Steve Coppell, the manaer, adds Gavin Nebbeling and Ken O'Doherty to the squad.

Leeds fans facing life bans

By Peter Ball

After the baiting of Michael Brown, Shrewsbury Town's 18-year-old forward, last Saturday, Leeds United have announced that they will ban for life any supporters found guilty of racial abuse.

The problem has persisted for some time, but has reached a new intensity in recent weeks. An appeal by the supporters' club in a recent match programme, loudspeaker announcements at games, meetings between the club and groups of supporters, and a strong condemnation by Billy Bremner, the Leeds manager, having had no impact, the club have decided that they have no alternative.

"We like to think that it is only a small minority, but they are a very audible one," said Maxwell Holmes, the Leeds director responsible for crowd affairs. "We are determined to cut out obscene racial abuse, which is as bad as fans fighting."

Witnesses believe that there a greater level of abuse directed at black players at Leeds than any other Foootball League ground, but Chief Superintendent Cahill, the officer in charge of policing at Elland Road, does not believe that the chants – or Nazi salutes seen there – are racially motivated.

"The black players have been the best players in the opposition in recent weeks, which is why the home fans have selected them as targets," he said.

But Portsmouth's manager, Alan Ball, sees it differently. After his team's visit to Leeds last month, he said: "I've never heard those chants at any other ground in the country. I can think of only one word to describe them – frightening."

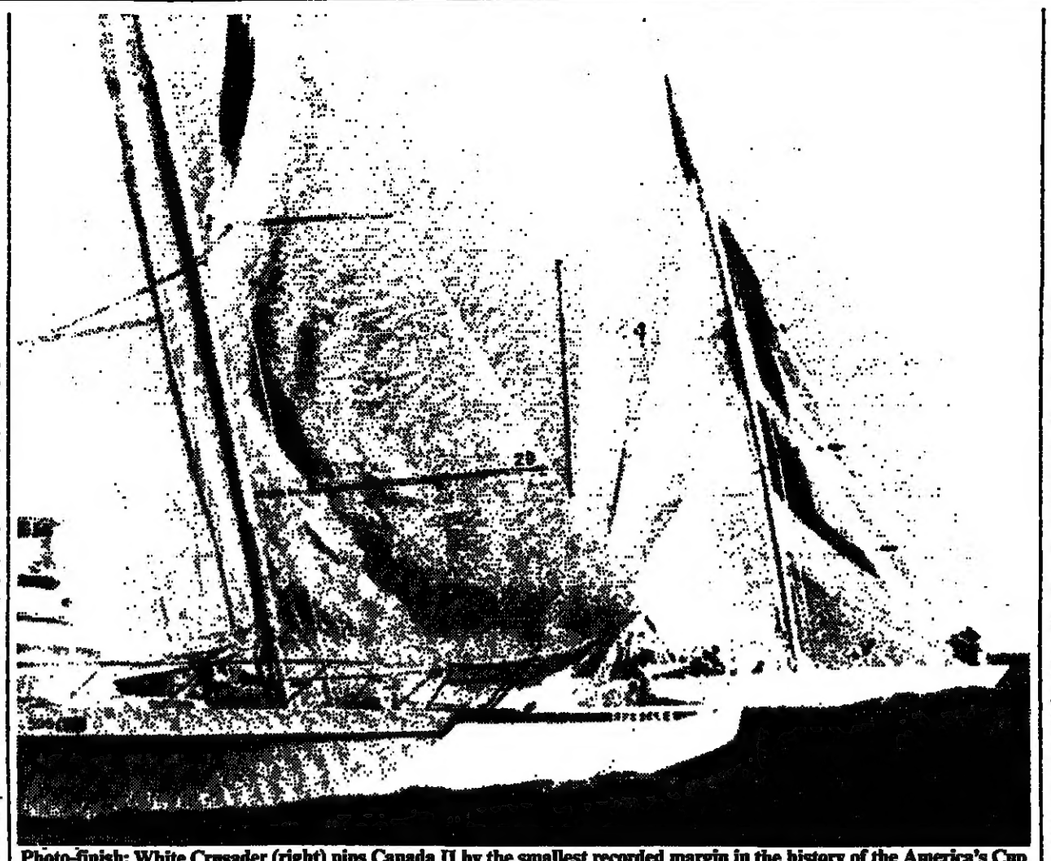

Photo-finish: White Crusader (right) pips Canada II by the smallest recorded margin in the history of the America's Cup

Cudmore bluff foils Canada by split-second

From Keith Wheatley, Fremantle

White Crusader won her America's Cup race against Canada II here yesterday by less than a second in one of the closest finishes ever seen in a 12-metre event. But only a daring last-minute manoeuvre by Harold Cudmore, the skipper, gave the race to Britain.

Two hundred yards from the finish line, Cudmore was trailing by around seven seconds, after a tacking battle up the final beat, but Canadian skipper Terry Neilsen then fell for a mixture of bluff and cheek.

At the finish of the 18-mile battle, there was no measurable difference between Canada II and White Crusader. In fact, the yachts hit the line too close for even the computer to measure the gap. But old-fashioned committee eyeballs awarded it to the British by a split-second.

When the two boats had come together three-quarters of the way up the final beat, there was nothing in it. Cudmore, on port, was the give-way boat, but he put a precise lee-bow tack on Canada II.

White Crusader was vulnerable at this point, but Neilsen failed to exploit the situation and, two minutes from the finish, with the Canadians still slightly in front, Cudmore threw a last-hope bluff at his rival.

"There was no other way out," explained Cudmore later, "or be would have crossed the line first."

The young Toronto skipper tacked away to avoid White Crusader – a crucial error. Had Neilsen just paralleled Cudmore's luff, the yachts would have stayed in the same relative positions and he should have been able to power up to maintain his winning margin.

But the two extra tacks, put in as a consequence of Cudmore's feint, destroyed his lead and cost Canada the race. In that one incident, one saw why Cudmore, aged 42, is rated the wiliest skipper in international match-racing and Neilsen, aged 28, merely one of the most promising.

"He may have over-reacted, but the Canadians had had a lucky race prior to that," said Cudmore. "We were sailing into 20-degree headers and they were getting lifts as big as that."

Even without the prospect of a cliff-hanger finish yesterday, most interest had focused on the light-heavyweight bout between White Crusader and Canada II. The big gun boats, such as Stars and Stripes and New Zealand, all had predictable wins lined up.

White Crusader has done far better in the points battle than Canada II, but that may have much more to do with experienced crewing than intrinsic boat superiority.

All round, the close-period modifications – notably a new keel – seem to have worked well for the British. "We're starting to go a lot better in the stronger breeze and haven't lost much at all in the soft stuff," added Cudmore. "If we beat America II tomorrow, we're right up in the reckoning."

Cudmore and the British had the better of the start yesterday. The preliminary skirmishing – off to starboard of the committe boat – was more desultory than agressive and, with 30 seconds to go, both boats were sailing down the line toward the pin end.

At the gun, White Crusader was in the leeward position and sailing faster. The clock gave it to Cudmore by one second.

On the long starboard tack down to the south – the course had been set at 220 into a fluky five-knot south-westerly breeze and shortened to six legs – the British boat opened up a slight, but distinct, lead.

By the top mark, after a series of unpredictable windshifts, it had turned to a 1min 2sec deficit. "We were about seven boat-lengths ahead and one to leeward of them at the first tack," explained Cudmore. "They got a 15-degree lift and we got really thrashed on the shifts."

Nothing changed down the first run, bar the sun coming out and the breeze filling in to around 12 knots, though still shifting constantly. Up the second beat, the British pegged back the lead to around nine seconds and it stayed that way until the incident close to the line.

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Victors: White Crusader's delighted captain (left) and crew

Cudmore cunning yields narrow win

By Barry Pickthall

White Crusader's victory yesterday was the closest in the 135-year history of the America's Cup. It was also most probably the closest margin recorded in any yacht race, for with photo-finish cameras inoperable on the high seas, the difference between the two yachts as they crossed the invisible finish line was as much a measure of the timekeeper's reflexes as the few centimetres that divided the bow of the British boat from that of Canada II.

The closest previous race in America's Cup competition was the exciting battle two weeks ago between Kevin Parry's two Taskforce IO Syndicate boats, in which the Iain Murrey-skippered Kookaburra III gained a two-second victory over Kookaburra II, steered by Peter Gilmour.

Even then, it was impossible for those watching to differentiate first from second, and all ears turned towards the radio for the race committee's decision.

Before this year, the closest official shave had been the 26sec defeat of Australia's first Cup challenger, Gretel, in the 1962 series against the New York Yacht Club defender, Weatherly, skippered by Bus Mosbacher.

That year, the Alan Paine-designed challenger, owned by Sir Frank Packer, was acknowledged to be the faster yacht, but Jock Sturrock, the skipper, was outsmarted by the more experienced American.

In that memorable fourth race, described by one Australian journalist as "the most thrilling America's Cup finish in history", Gretel's crew came close to winning her second race of the series only to be fooled into sailing well above their course in the same way that Sir Thomas Sopwith's British challenger, Endeavour, lost two of her races 28 years before.

As Gretel closed up on Weatherly on the final spinnaker leg to the finish, it became obvious that the Australian yacht would surge past unless the Americans did something dramatic.

And that is what they did. Hoisting their genoa, Weatherly's crew hardened up on the wind sailing away from the line. Sturrock called for a genoa to be hoisted aboard Gretel, too, and gave chase, and for two minutes the Australian boat was closer to the fine than Weatherly.

Mosbacher held his nerve, seemingly allowing his rivals to catch up, then judging the moment right, suddenly dropped the genoa, hoisted the spinnaker and ran for the finish buoy to leave the disorientated Australians in disarray.

It was a famous victory, now overshadowed by a similar display of cunning displayed by Harold Cudmore, of Britain, over the Canadians, who must still be kicking themselves for allowing White Crusader to slip ahead in the last second.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Lawson in Test hope

Geoff Lawson, Australia's most famous fast bowler since Lillee and Thomson, could make his Test comeback against England in Brisbane a week on Friday. The New South Wales paceman, aged 28, is fit again after recovering from a back injury that threatened to end his career. Whether he has done enough in two matches this season to convince the selectors will be known today when the side is announced.

Lawson: fighting back

Land ahoy

Harry Mitchell, aged 62, from Portsmouth, the sole British entrant competing in the BOC Single-handed Round the World yacht race, was being hampered by strong headwinds over the final 50-mile stage of the first leg from Newport yesterday and was not expected to reach Cape Town in his 41ft Double Cross until early this morning.

Games bid

Zurich (Reuter) – Lausanne will now apply to stage the 1994 Winter Olympic Games following the International Olympic Committee's ruling to switch to a new four-yearly cycle. Lausanne, headquarters of the IOC, and the federal capital, Berne, had submitted rival applications to the Swiss Olympic Committee to host the 1996 Winter Games.

Treble chance

Three British girls have reached the last eight of the £7,000 LTA women's indoor tennis tournament at Queen's Club. Sally Reeves, of Kent, the No. 3 seed, scored a typically gutsy 6-3, 3-6, 6-2, second round victory over Simone Schilder, of Switzerland. The other two Britons through are Katie Rickett, from Birmingham, who beat Jo Louis, of Devon, 6-4, 7-5, and Joy Tacon, of Norfolk, who defeated Belinda Borneo, of Bedfordshire, 6-4, 6-4.

Halifax blow

Halifax are to hold an extraordinary meeting of shareholders and creditors on Wednesday next week when a resolution will be put to wind up the football club voluntarily and appoint a liquidator. In a letter accompanying the notice to shareholders, John Madeley, the Halifax chairman, said he was still hoping that the club, who have debts of more than £300,000, could be saved.

Debate date

Counties are being given an extra chance to help them decide whether important changes to the first-class cricket structure will be beneficial to domestic cricket. The Test and County Cricket Board have called a special meeting for November 18 to debate the recomendations made by the Palmer report.

Steaua must fight for crown

The European Cup holders, **Steaua Bucharest**, have a mountain to climb if they are to retain their title tonight. They trail **Anderlecht** 3-0 after their first round, second leg European Cup tie in Brussels, and will have to rely upon the Belgians' reputations as poor travellers, and the return of three regulars – the midfield player, Boloni; the forward, Lacatus, and the defender, Bumbescu – to overturn the deficit. Steaua beat Anderlecht 3-0 in the semi-final of the same competition last season.

Steaua, who were given a first-round bye, stayed top to the Romanian league with a 3-0 win over Olt over the weekend. If they lose, they will join a distinguished list of champions failing at the first hurdle the year after winning the title, including Liverpool, Nottingham Forest and Real Madrid. Anderlecht warmed up by beating lowly Berchem 8-0 in the Belgian league on Saturday.

Bayern Munich have to get over the shock of Saturday's first *Bundesliga* defeat of the season, 3-0 at home to Bayer Leverkusen, as they take a 2-0 lead from the first leg against **Austria Vienna** to the Prater Stadium.

The Germans also met their opponents last year, winning 4-2 in Munich then drawing 3-3 in Austria in the second round. Bayern's coach, Udo Lattek, has said that he will probably drop one West German international Brehme, but another, veteran striker Hoeness, has recovered from a broken jaw and will be substitute.

Despite the confident mood in the Austrian camp, manager Tommy Parits has a number of problems. Ogris and Degeorgi are suspended, Tuermer and Baumeister are recovering from injury – though they should be fit to play – and key defender Steiger is definitely out with an injured back. Another absentee is Hungarian international Nyilasi, who may face another back operation.

Another West German side, **VFB Stuttgart**, face a tough task to stay alive in the Cup Winners' Cup. The Ger

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mans lost the first leg against **Torpedo Moscow** 2-0, and their chances of overturning that scoreline have been hit by an injury to striker Allgoewer.

The Swiss side **Sion**, who defeated Aberdeen in the first round, can continue their run. Two late goals earned them a 2-2 draw against **Katowice** in Poland and they should now finish off the job.

Johan Cruyff's **Ajax Amsterdam** take a 4-0 lead to Greece, which should ensure that the Dutch league leaders qualify at the expense of **Olympiakos Pireus**. The game was in danger of being called off on Tuesday when employees of the 80,000-seat Olympic Stadium in Athens threatened to stage a one-day strike over a contract dispute.

Barcelona, beaten by Steaua Bucharest on penalties in the European Cup final last year, face one of the toughest tasks in the UEFA Cup. Lucky even to get to the second round, after eliminating Albania's Flamurtari on the away goals rule, Terry Venables's side defend a 1-0 lead in Portugal against **Sporting Lisbon**.

Ajax's big Dutch rivals, **Feyenoord**, have an almost impossible task in the in the same competition. The Rotterdam side trails 1-5 to West Germans **Borussia Mönchengladbach**.

Officials at UEFA, the European soccer body, have still not yet decided what action to take over the rioting by Feyenoord fans before, during and after the first-leg game in West Germany when police made 71 arrests.

One top side will be eliminated in the intriguing clash between French league leaders **Bordeaux** and Portugal's **Benfica**, a club with a famous European history. They drew 1-1 in the first leg in Lisbon. The Portuguese have doubts about midfielder Nunes, injured in Portugal's 1-1 European championship draw in Switzerland.

Inter Milan should pull back from 3-2 down after the first leg against **Legia Warsaw** in Poland. Inter field a full-strength side, including West German striker Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and Argentine Passarella.

Last season's beaten Cupwinner's Cup finalists, **Atletico Madrid**, are in danger of elimination after losing the first leg 2-0 to **Vitoria SC**.

Malmo, who have just won the Swedish league, lead **Tiraaa** of Albania 3-0. There are a host of other return legs which could swing either way, as **Spartak Moscow**, against **Toulouse**, **Athletic Bilbao** against **Beveren**, **Trakia Plovdiv**, against **Hajduk Split**, and **Stahl Brandenburg** against **Gothenburg** all attempt to cancel out first leg deficits.